SONY

3-858-120-12(1)

Video Cassette Recorder

Operating Instructions

Owner's record

The model and serial numbers are located at the rear of the unit. Record these numbers in the spaces provided below. Refer to them whenever you call upon your Sony dealer regarding this product.

Model No. _____

Serial No. _____

VHS

Hi-Fi

VCR plus+ GOLD

SLV-975HF
SLV-975HF CS
SLV-975HF MX
SLV-975HF PX

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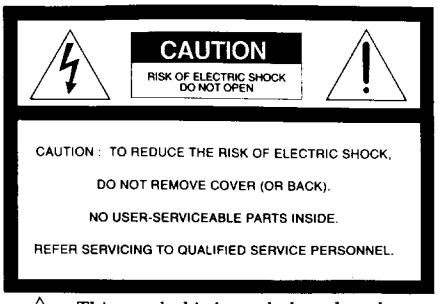
WARNING

To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose the unit to rain or moisture.


CAUTION
RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK
DO NOT OPEN
CAUTION : TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK,
DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK).
NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE.
REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.

This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

CAUTION (SLV-975HF)

To prevent electric shock, do not use this polarized AC plug with an extension cord, receptacle or other outlet unless the blades can be fully inserted to prevent blade exposure.

WARNING

The AC power cord must be changed at qualified service shop.

Precautions

Safety

- For SLV-975HF/975HF MX, operate the unit only on 120 V AC, 60 Hz. For SLV-975HF PX/975HF CS, operate the unit on 110 to 240 V AC, 50/60 Hz.
- If anything falls into the cabinet, unplug the unit and have it checked by qualified personnel before operating it any further.
- This unit is not disconnected from the AC power source (mains) as long as it is connected to the wall outlet, even if the unit itself has been turned off.
- (SLV-975HF only) One blade of the plug is wider than the other for the purpose of safety and will fit into the power outlet only one way. If you are unable to insert the plug fully into the outlet, contact your Sony dealer.
- Unplug the unit from the wall outlet if you do not intend to use it for an extended period of time. To disconnect the cord, pull it out by the plug, never by the cord.

Installing

- Allow adequate air circulation to prevent internal heat buildup.
- Do not place the unit on surfaces (rugs, blankets, etc.) or near materials (curtains, draperies) that may block the ventilation slots.
- Do not install the unit near heat sources such as radiators or air ducts, or in a place subject to direct sunlight, excessive dust, mechanical vibration or shock.
- Do not install the unit in an inclined position. It is designed to be operated in a horizontal position only.
- Keep the unit and cassettes away from equipment with strong magnets, such as microwave ovens or large loudspeakers.
- Do not place heavy objects on the unit.
- If the unit is brought directly from a cold to a warm location, moisture may condense inside the VCR and cause damage to the video head and tape. When you first install the unit, or when you move it from a cold to a warm location, wait for about one hour before operating the unit.

Information

For customers in the USA (SLV-975HF/975HF PX)

You are cautioned that any changes or modifications not expressly approved in this manual could void your authority to operate this equipment.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Caution

Television programs, films, video tapes and other materials may be copyrighted. Unauthorized recording of such material may be contrary to the provisions of the copyright laws. Also, use of this recorder with cable television transmission may require authorization from the cable television transmission and/or program owner.

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Getting Started

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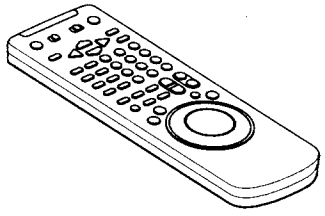
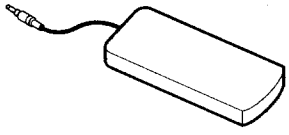
Step 1
Unpacking

Check that you have received the following items with the VCR:

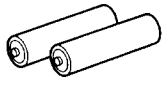
- Remote commander



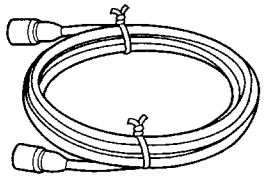
- Cable Mouse (cable box controller)



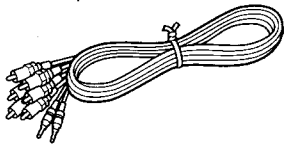
- Size AA (R6) batteries



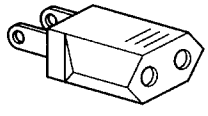
- 75-ohm coaxial cable with F-type connectors



- Audio/video cable (3-phono, 1 mini to 3-phono, 1-mini)



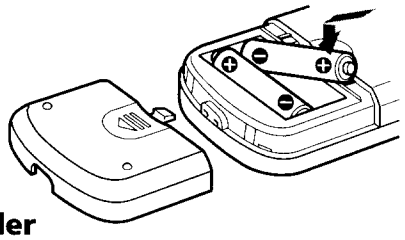
- Plug adaptor (SLV-975HF PX/975HF CS only)



Setting up the remote commander

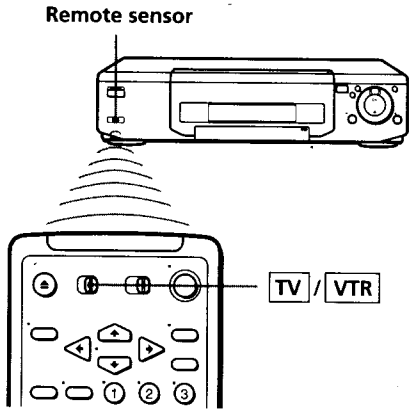
Inserting the batteries

Insert two size AA (R6) batteries by matching the + and – on the batteries to the diagram inside the battery compartment.



Using the remote commander

You can use this remote commander to operate this VCR and a Sony TV. The buttons on the remote commander marked with a dot (•) can be used to operate your Sony TV.



To operate	Set TV / VTR to
the VCR	VTR and point at the remote sensor on the VCR
a Sony TV	TV and point at the remote sensor on the TV

Notes

- With normal use, the batteries should last for approximately three to six months.
- If you do not use the remote commander for an extended period of time, remove the batteries to avoid possible damage from battery leakage.
- Do not use a new battery with an old one.
- Do not use different types of batteries.

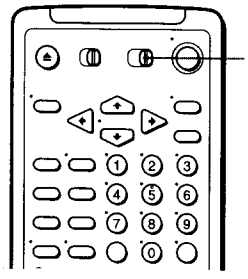
Setting the COMMAND MODE switch

To remotely control the VCR with the commander, set COMMAND MODE on the remote commander to the same position as that on the VCR. Usually set to VTR 3. Change the position as shown below to control other Sony VCRs:

VTR 1: For Sony Betamax format VCRs

VTR 2: For Sony 8mm format VCRs

VTR 3: For Sony VHS format VCRs



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Controlling other TVs with the remote commander

The remote commander is preprogrammed to control non-Sony TVs. If your TV is listed in the table below, set the appropriate manufacturer's code number.

1 Set [TV]/[VTR] at the top of the remote commander to [TV].

2 Hold down POWER, and enter your TV's code number(s) using the number buttons. Then release POWER.

Now you can use the POWER, VOL +/–, CH +/–, and TV/VTR buttons to control your TV. You can also use the buttons marked with a dot (•) to control a Sony TV. To control the VCR, reset [TV]/[VTR] to [VTR].

Tip

- If you set your TV's code number correctly while the TV is turned on, the TV turns off automatically.

Code numbers of controllable TVs

If more than one code number is listed, try entering them one at a time until you find the one that works with your TV.

Manufacturer	Code number
Sony	01
Akai	04
AOC	04
Centurion	12
Coronado	03
Curis-Mathes	12
Daytron	12
Emerson	03, 04, 14
Fisher	11
General Electric	06,10
Gold Star	03, 04, 17
Hitachi	02,03
J.C.Penny	04,12

Manufacturer	Code number
JVC	09
KMC	03
Magnavox	03,08,12
Marantz	04,13
MGA/Mitsubishi	04,12,13,17
NEC	04,12
Panasonic	06,19
Philco	03,04
Philips	08
Pioneer	16
Portland	03
Quasar	06,18
Radio Shack	05,14

Manufacturer	Code number
RCA	04,10
Sampo	12
Sanyo	11
Scott	12
Sears	07,10,11
Sharp	03,05,18
Sylvania	08,12
Teknika	03,08,14
Toshiba	07
Wards	03,04,12
Yorx	12
Zenith	15

Notes

- If the TV uses a different remote control system from the one programmed to work with the VCR, you cannot control your TV with the remote commander.
- If you enter a new code number, the code number previously entered will be erased.
- When you replace the batteries of the remote commander, the code number automatically resets to 01 (Sony). Reset the appropriate code number.

Step 3

Hookups

Selecting the best hookup option

There are many ways in which your VCR can be hooked up. To hook up your VCR so that it works best for you, first scan through the table below. Then use the accompanying diagrams and procedures on the following pages to set up your VCR.

If you have	Use	Refer to
TV that has audio/video inputs	**Audio/video (A/V) hookup,** then follow one of the hookups below.	**Pages 8 to 9**
Cable box that is compatible with the VCR's cable box control feature	**Hookup 1**	**Pages 10 to 12**
No cable box or incompatible cable box with only a few scrambled channels	**Hookup 2**	**Pages 13 to15**
Antenna only, no cable TV	**Hookup 3**	**Pages 16 to 18**
Incompatible cable box with many scrambled channels	**Hookup 4**	**Pages 19 to 22**
DSS®* receiver	**Hookup 5**	**Pages 23 to 25**
Incompatible cable box with only a few scrambled channels, using an A/B switch	**Hookup 6**	**Pages 26 to 30**

After you've completed the connections, follow the instructions for setup. During setup, if you need more details on the procedure described, page numbers are provided where you can find complete, step-by-step instructions.

After you've completed the setup, you're ready to use your VCR. Procedures differ depending on the hookup you used. For an overview, refer to "Quick reference to using the VCR" on the back cover.

Before you get started

- Turn off the power to all equipment.
- Do not connect the AC power cords until all of the connections are completed.
- Be sure you make connections firmly. Loose connections may cause picture distortion.
- If your TV doesn't match any of the examples provided, see your nearest Sony dealer or qualified technician.

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Audio/video (A/V) hookup

Pages 8 to 9

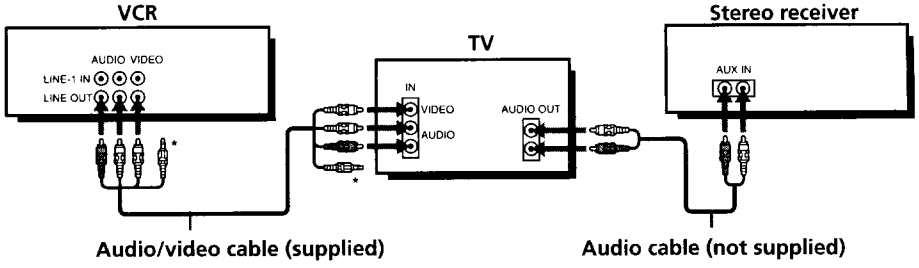
If your TV has audio/video (A/V) input jacks, you will get a better picture and sound if you hook up your VCR using these connections. In addition, for a true "home theater" experience, you should connect the audio outputs of your VCR or TV to your stereo system. If your TV doesn't have A/V inputs, see the following pages for antenna or cable hookups.

If your TV has the S-Link™* (A/V bus control) function, hook up your VCR using the connection shown on page 9. Your TV will automatically switch to the A/V inputs for your VCR when you play back or operate menu on the VCR.

If you're not planning to use your VCR to record programs, you're finished setting up the VCR after you've made the connections shown on pages 8 and 9. If you want to record off-air or off your cable TV system, complete these connections first, and then go to the following pages for antenna or cable hookups.

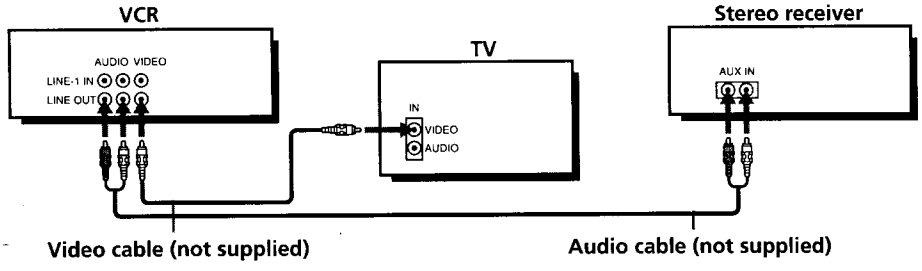
* S-Link™ is a trademark of Sony Corporation.

A Use this hookup if your TV has stereo jacks



* Do not connect the miniplugs for this hookup.

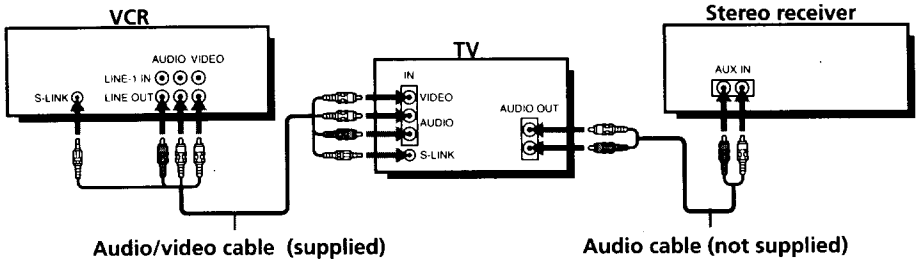
B Use this hookup if your TV doesn't have stereo jacks



Note

- To play a tape in stereo, you must use the A/V connection.

C Use this hookup if your TV has the S-Link™ function



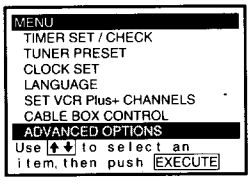
Audio/video cable (supplied)

Audio cable (not supplied)

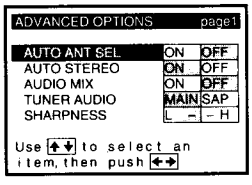
A/V hookup: VCR setup

After you've connected your TV and completed antenna or cable hookup, use the following procedure to set up the VCR.

Press MENU and select ADVANCED OPTIONS.



Set AUTO ANT SEL to OFF and press EXECUTE.


ADVANCED OPTIONS page1
AUTO ANT SEL ON OFF
AUTO STEREO ON OFF
AUDIO MIX ON OFF
TUNER AUDIO MAIN SAP
SHARPNESS L – – H
Use ↑↓ to select an item, then push ↔

For details, see page 72.

Caution

Connections between the VCR's VHF/UHF connector and the antenna terminals of the TV receiver should be made only as shown in the following instructions. Failure to do so may result in operation that violates the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission regarding the use and operation of RF devices. Never connect the output of the VCR to an antenna or make simultaneous (parallel) antenna and VCR connections at the antenna terminals of your receiver.

Note to CATV system installer (in USA)

This reminder is provided to call the CATV system installer's attention to Article 820-40 of the NEC that provides guidelines for proper grounding and, in particular, specifies that the cable ground shall be connected to the grounding system of the building, as close to the point of cable entry as practical.

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Hookup 1

Pages 10 to 12

Using cable box control

Recommended use

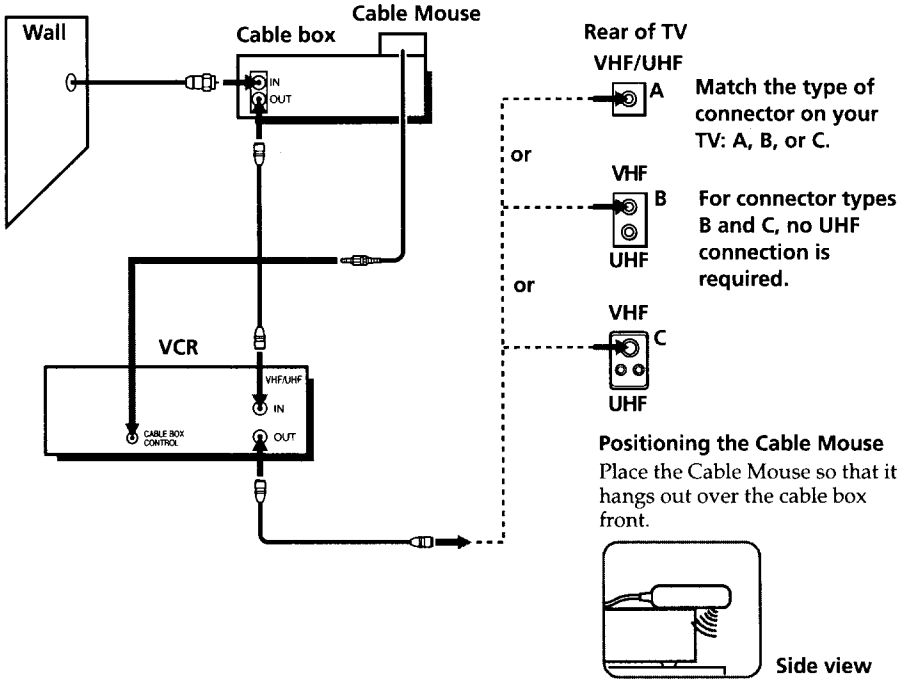
You should use this hookup if you have a cable box, especially if your cable system scrambles all or most channels. This hookup allows the VCR's cable box control feature to control the channel on the cable box, simplifying the recording process. A list of compatible cable boxes is on page 39.

What you can do with this hookup

- Record any channel using the VCR's cable box control feature to select channels on the cable box

What you can't do

- Record with the cable box turned off
- Record one channel while watching another channel



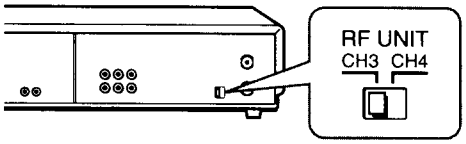
Positioning the Cable Mouse

Place the Cable Mouse so that it hangs out over the cable box front.

Side view

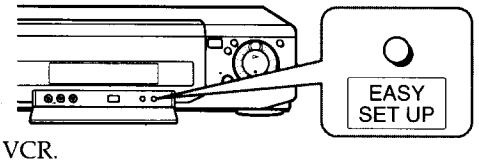
Hookup 1: VCR setup

1 Set the RF UNIT switch to CH 3 or CH 4, whichever channel is not used in your area. If both are used, set the switch to either channel. For details, see page 78.
If you made A/V connections (from page 8), you can skip this step.

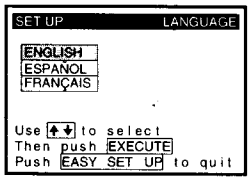


2 Turn on your cable box.

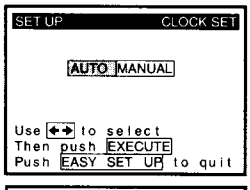
3 Press EASY SET UP on the VCR.



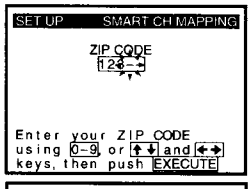
❶ The LANGUAGE menu appears. Change the on-screen display language to Spanish (ESPAÑOL) or French (FRANÇAIS) if desired, and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 31.



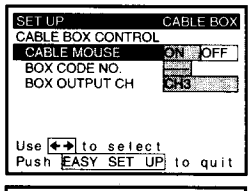
❷ The CLOCK SET menu appears. Select AUTO and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 32.



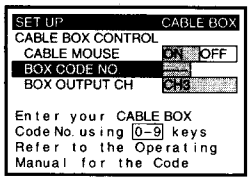
❸ The SMART CH MAPPING menu appears. Press CURSOR ↑/↓/←/→ to enter the ZIP CODE in your area and press EXECUTE. (You can also use the number buttons to enter the ZIP CODE.)



❹ The CABLE BOX menu appears. Select ON. For details, see page 38.



❺ Enter your cable box code number and press CURSOR ↓.



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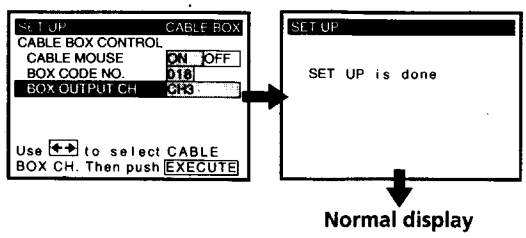
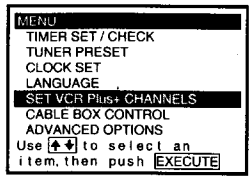
❻ Select your cable box output channel and press EXECUTE.


SET UP CABLE BOX
CABLE BOX CONTROL
CABLE MOUSE ON OFF
BOX CODE NO. 018
BOX OUTPUT CH CH3
Use ↔ to select CABLE BOX CH. Then push EXECUTE
SET UP
SET UP is done
Normal display

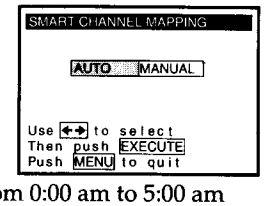
Hookup 1: VCR Plus+ channel setup

1 Press MENU and select SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS.



2 Press CURSOR ←/→ to select AUTO and press EXECUTE.

3 Press POWER to turn off the VCR.



The VCR receives the program information signal from 0:00 am to 5:00 am while the VCR is turned off, and set up the channel for VCR Plus+ recording . After channel setup is finished, you can record TV programs using VCR Plus+. For details, see page 48.

Notes

- To use auto VCR Plus+ channel setup feature, leave the cable box on.
- It takes about 1 hour to complete channel setup.
- The VCR can receive the program information signal only while the VCR is turned off and no timer recordings are set.
- If the channels in your area don't carry the program information signals, set the program guide channels manually. For details, see page 50.
- If the Choose your Cable CH MAP menu appears the first time you turn on the VCR after finishing channel setup, select the MAP number. For details, see page 49.

Automatic clock setting

Once you've set up the VCR, it automatically sets the clock the first time you turn off the VCR. After that, whenever you turn off the VCR, it checks the time and adjusts the clock, even for Daylight Saving Time. The VCR sets the clock by picking up a time signal provided by some TV channels.

If you want to use the timer to record right away, or if the channels in your area do not carry time signals, set the clock manually. For details, see pages 36 to 37.

Note

- To use the automatic clock setting feature, leave the cable box on.

No cable box, or incompatible cable box with only a few scrambled channels

Recommended use

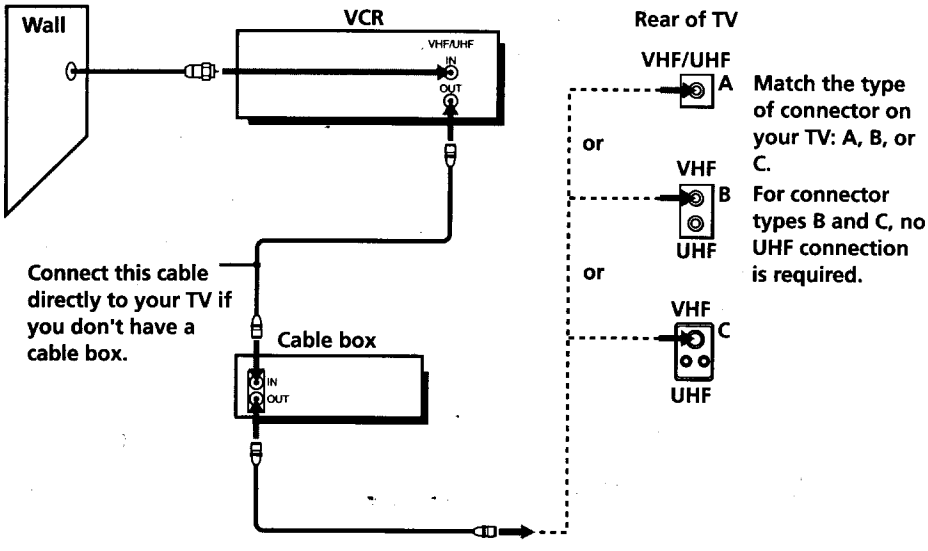
Use this hookup if you do not have a cable box. Also use this hookup if your cable company cannot supply a cable box that is compatible with the VCR's cable box control feature, and your cable system scrambles only a few channels.

What you can do with this hookup

- Record any unscrambled channel by selecting the channel on the VCR

What you can't do

- Record scrambled channels that require a cable box



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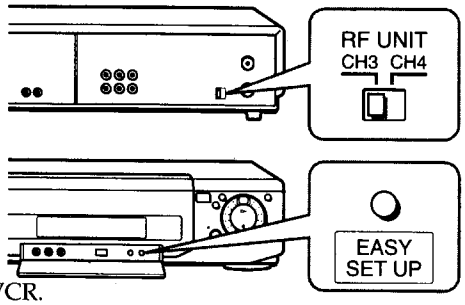
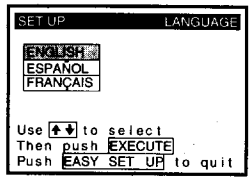
Hookup 2: VCR setup

1 Set the RF UNIT switch to CH 3 or CH 4, whichever channel is not used in your area. If both are used, set the switch to either channel. For details, see page 78.
If you made A/V connections (from page 8), you can skip this step.

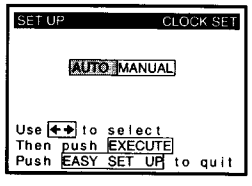


2 Press EASY SET UP on the VCR.

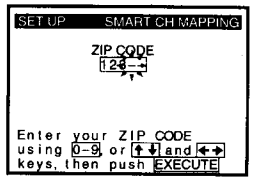
❶ The LANGUAGE menu appears. Change the on-screen display language to Spanish (ESPAÑOL) or French (FRANÇAIS) if desired, and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 31.



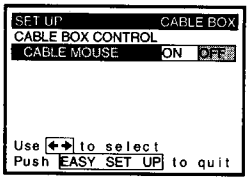
❷ The CLOCK SET menu appears. Select AUTO and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 32.



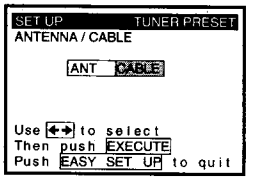
❸ The SMART CH MAPPING menu appears. Press CURSOR ↑/↓/←/→ to enter the ZIP CODE in your area and press EXECUTE. (You can also use the number buttons to enter the ZIP CODE.)



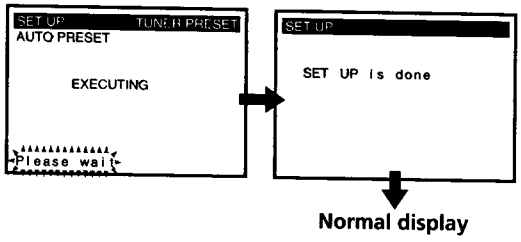
❹ The CABLE BOX menu appears. Select OFF and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 38.



❺ The TUNER PRESET menu appears. Set ANTENNA/CABLE to CABLE and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 43.

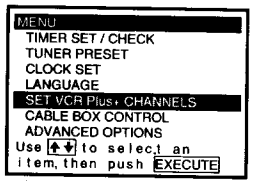


❻ The AUTO PRESET starts.



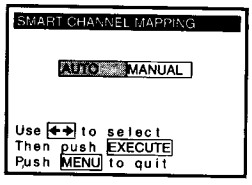
Hookup 2: VCR Plus+ channel setup

1 Press MENU and select SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS.



2 Press CURSOR ←/→ to select AUTO and press EXECUTE.

3 Press POWER to turn off the VCR.



The VCR receives the program information signal from 0:00 am to 5:00 am while the VCR is turned off, and set up the channel for VCR Plus+ recording. After channel setup is finished, you can record TV programs using VCR Plus+. For details, see page 48.

Notes

- It takes about 1 hour to complete channel setup.
- The VCR can receive the program information signal only while the VCR is turned off and no timer recordings are set.
- If the channels in your area don't carry the program information signals, set the program guide channels manually. For details, see page 50.
- If the Choose your Cable CH MAP menu appears the first time you turn on the VCR after finishing channel setup, select the MAP number. For details, see page 49.

Automatic clock setting

Once you've set up the VCR, it automatically sets the clock the first time you turn off the VCR. After that, whenever you turn off the VCR, it checks the time and adjusts the clock, even for Daylight Saving Time. The VCR sets the clock by picking up a time signal provided by some TV channels.

If you want to use the timer to record right away, or if the channels in your area do not carry time signals, set the clock manually. For details, see pages 36 to 37.

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Hookup 3

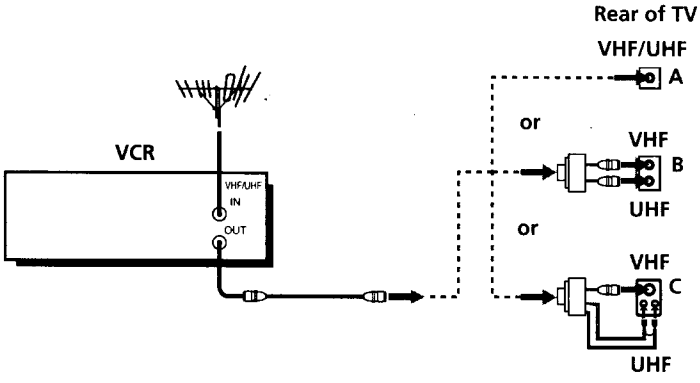
Pages 16 to 18

Antenna hookup

Make the following connections if you're using an antenna (if you don't have cable TV).

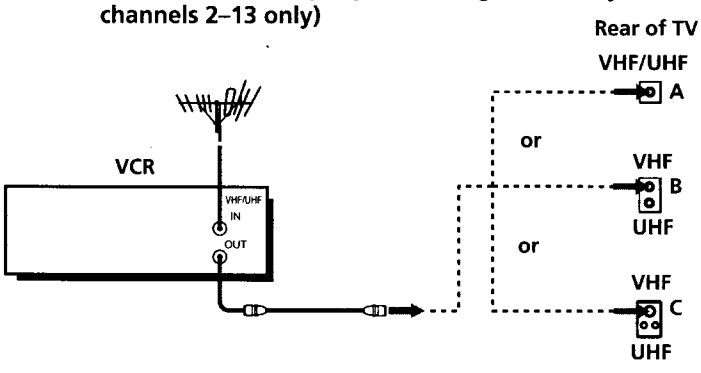
A Use this hookup if you're using:

- VHF/UHF antenna (you get channels 2–13 and channels 14 and higher)
- UHF-only antenna (you get channels 14 and higher)
- Separate VHF and UHF antennas



Match the type of connector on your TV: A, B, or C.

B Use this hookup if you're using a VHF-only antenna (you get channels 2–13 only)



Match the type of connector on your TV: A, B, or C.

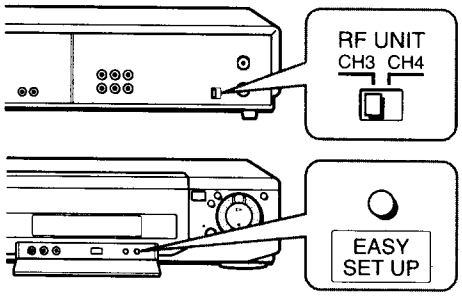
For connector types B and C, no UHF connection is required.

If you cannot connect your antenna cable to the VCR directly

If your antenna cable is a flat cable (300-ohm twin lead cable), attach an external antenna connector (not supplied) so you can connect the cable to the VHF/UHF IN connector. If you have separate cables for VHF and UHF antennas, you should use a U/V band mixer (not supplied). For details, see page 79.

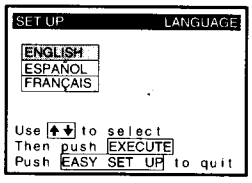
Hookup 3: VCR setup

1 Set the RF UNIT switch to CH 3 or CH 4, whichever channel is not used in your area. If both are used, set the switch to either channel. For details, see page 78. If you made A/V connections (from page 8), you can skip this step.

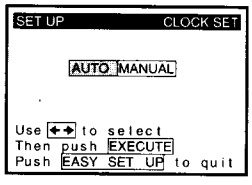


2 Press EASY SET UP on the VCR.

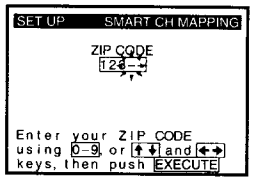
❶ The LANGUAGE menu appears. Change the on-screen display language to Spanish (ESPAÑOL) or French (FRANÇAIS) if desired, and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 31.



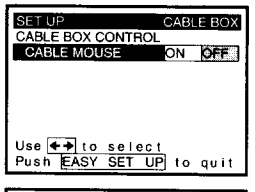
❷ The CLOCK SET menu appears. Select AUTO and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 32.



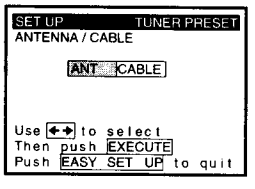
❸ The SMART CH MAPPING menu appears. Press CURSOR ↑/↓/←/→ to enter the ZIP CODE in your area and press EXECUTE. (You can also use the number buttons to enter the ZIP CODE.)



❹ The CABLE BOX menu appears. Select OFF and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 38.



❺ The TUNER PRESET menu appears. Set ANTENNA/CABLE to ANT and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 43.



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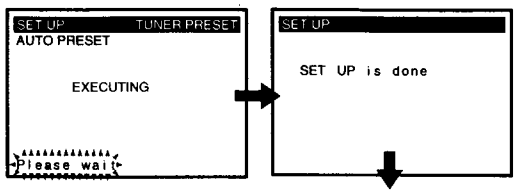
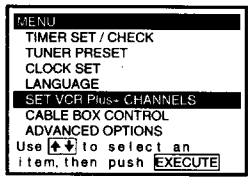
❻ The AUTO PRESET starts.



Normal display

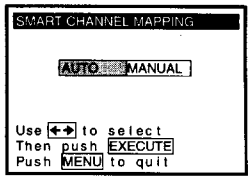
Hookup 3: VCR Plus+ channel setup

1 Press MENU and select SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS.



2 Press CURSOR ←/→ to select AUTO and press EXECUTE.

3 Press POWER to turn off the VCR.



The VCR receives the program information signal from 0:00 am to 5:00 am while the VCR is turned off, and set up the channel for VCR Plus+ recording. After channel setup is finished, you can record TV programs using VCR Plus+. For details, see page 48.

Notes

- It takes about 1 hour to complete channel setup.
- The VCR can receive the program information signal only while the VCR is turned off and no timer recordings are set.
- If the channels in your area don't carry the program information signals, set the program guide channels manually. For details, see page 50.
- If the Choose your Cable CH MAP menu appears the first time you turn on the VCR after finishing channel setup, select the MAP number. For details, see page 49.

Automatic clock setting

Once you've set up the VCR, it automatically sets the clock the first time you turn off the VCR. After that, whenever you turn off the VCR, it checks the time and adjusts the clock, even for Daylight Saving Time. The VCR sets the clock by picking up a time signal provided by some TV channels.

If you want to use the timer to record right away, or if the channels in your area do not carry time signals, set the clock manually. For details, see pages 36 to 37.

Incompatible cable box with many scrambled channels

Recommended use

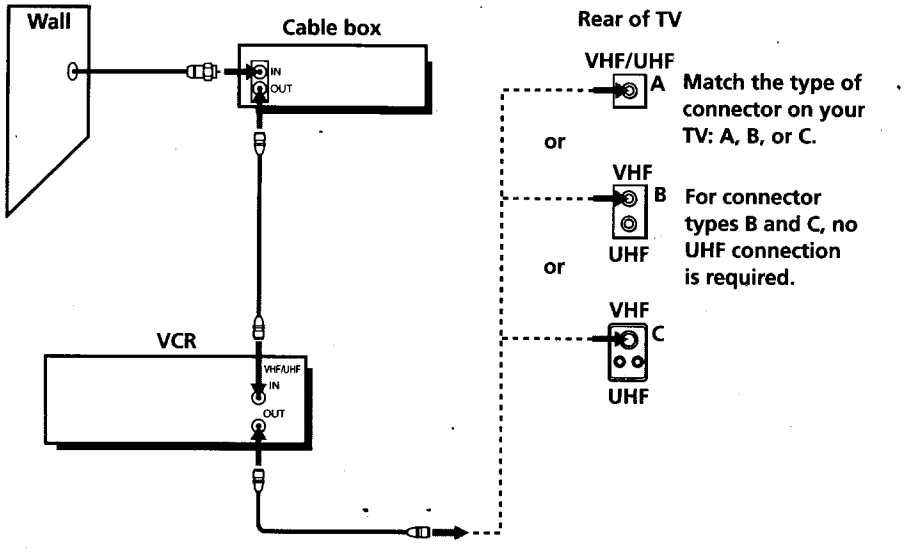
Use this hookup if your cable company cannot supply a cable box that is compatible with the VCR's cable box control feature, and your cable system scrambles all or most channels.

What you can do with this hookup

- Record any channel by selecting the channel on the cable box

What you can't do

- Record with the cable box turned off
- Record one channel while watching another channel
- Select channels directly on the VCR



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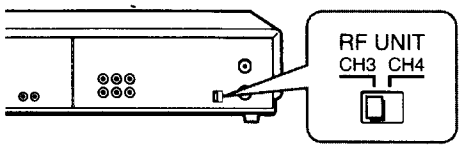
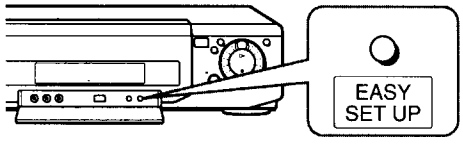
Hookup 4: VCR setup

1 Set the RF UNIT switch to CH 3 or CH 4, whichever channel is not used in your area. If both are used, set the switch to either channel.
For details, see page 78. If you made A/V connections (from page 8), you can skip this step.

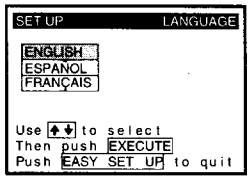




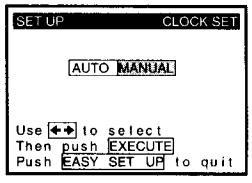
2 Turn on your cable box.

3 Press EASY SET UP on the VCR.

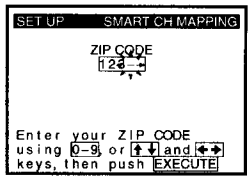
❶ The LANGUAGE menu appears. Change the on-screen display language to Spanish (ESPAÑOL) or French (FRANÇAIS) if desired, and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 31.



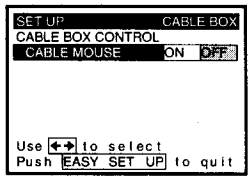
❷ The CLOCK SET menu appears. Select MANUAL and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 32.



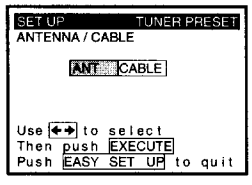
❸ The SMART CH MAPPING menu appears. Press CURSOR ↑/↓/←/→ to enter the ZIP CODE in your area and press EXECUTE. (You can also use the number buttons to enter the ZIP CODE.)



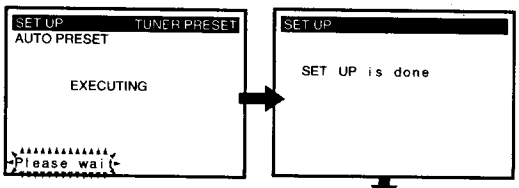
❹ The CABLE BOX menu appears. Select OFF and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 38.



❺ The TUNER PRESET menu appears. Set ANTENNA/CABLE to ANT and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 43.



❺ The AUTO PRESET starts.



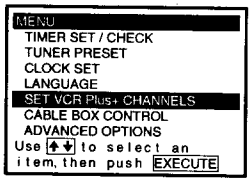
Normal display

Hookup 4: VCR Plus+ channel setup

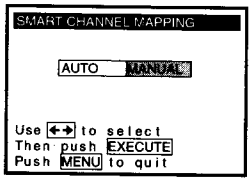
1 Find the VCR Plus+ Channel Listing in your program guide. For details, see page 47.

2 Enter all the channels you want to record and the cable box output channel (usually 2, 3, or 4). For details, see page 50.

❶ Press MENU and select SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS.



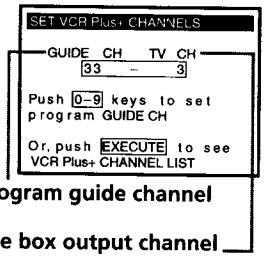
❷ Press CURSOR ←/→ to select MANUAL.



❸ Enter the program guide channel, then the cable box output channel.

❹ Press EXECUTE.

❺ Press MENU.



Program guide channel

Cable box output channel

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Automatic clock setting

To use the Auto Clock Set feature with this hookup, you need to manually select a channel that carries a time signal:

1. Tune the cable box to a channel that carries a time signal.
2. Select AUTO in the CLOCK SET menu to turn on the Auto Clock Set feature.
3. Turn off the VCR. It automatically sets the clock and adjusts for Daylight Saving Time by picking up the time signal.

If you want to use the timer to record right away, or if the channels in your area do not carry time signals, set the clock manually. For details, see pages 36 to 37.

Note

- To use the automatic clock setting feature, leave the cable box on.

DSS (Digital Satellite System) receiver

Recommended use

Use this hookup if you have a DSS receiver. It allows the VCR's cable box control feature to control the channel on the DSS receiver, simplifying the recording process. A list of compatible DSS receivers is on page 40.

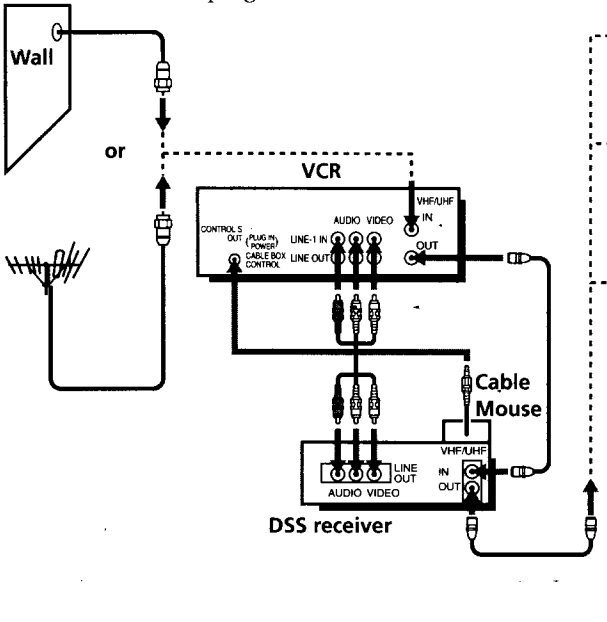
DSS (Digital Satellite System) is a satellite broadcast that provides superior digital-quality video and crisp digital-quality audio. A variety of program packages are available through your program providers. It also has program guides that are sorted by program categories.

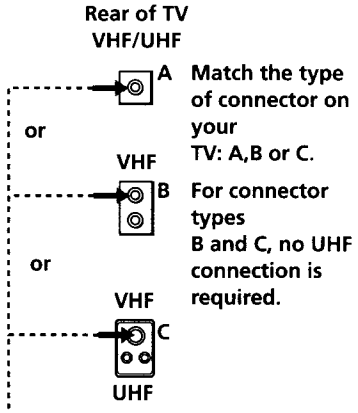
What you can do with this hookup

- Record any channels using the VCR's cable box control feature to select channels on the DSS receiver.

What you can't do

- Record with the DSS receiver turned off
- Record any channels from cable or an antenna
  (To record channels from cable or an antenna, turn off the cable box control feature.)
- Use a cable box
- Record programs with VCR Plus+



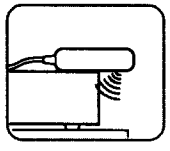


Match the type of connector on your TV: A, B or C.

For connector types B and C, no UHF connection is required.

Positioning the Cable Mouse

Place the Cable Mouse so that it hangs out over the DSS receiver front.



Side view

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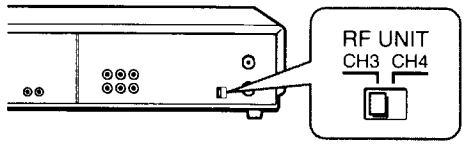
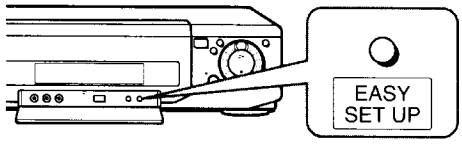
Hookup 5: VCR setup

1 Set the RF UNIT switch to CH 3 or CH4, whichever channel is not used in your area. If both are used, set the switch to either channel. For details, see page 78. If you made A/V connections (from page 8), you can skip this step.

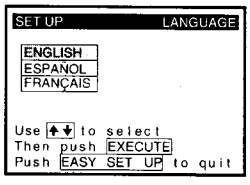


2 Turn on your DSS receiver.

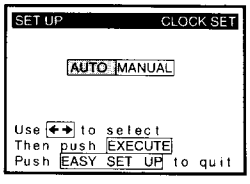
3 Press EASY SET UP on the VCR.



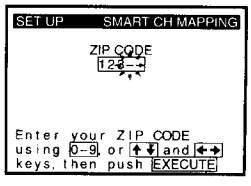
❶ The LANGUAGE menu appears. Change the on-screen display language to Spanish (ESPAÑOL) or French (FRANÇAIS) if desired, and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 31.



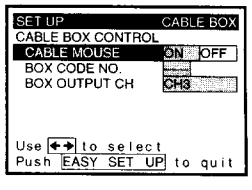
❷ The CLOCK SET menu appears. Select AUTO and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 32.



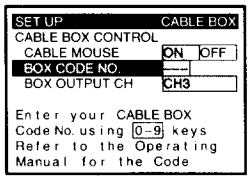
❸ The SMART CH MAPPING menu appears. Press CURSOR ↑/↓/←/→ to enter the ZIP CODE in your area and press EXECUTE. (You can also use the number buttons to enter the ZIP CODE.)



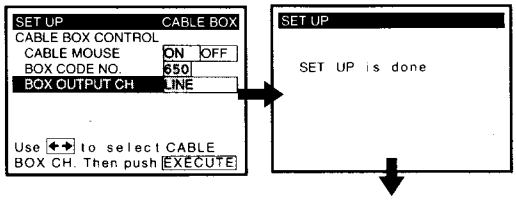
❹ The CABLE BOX menu appears. Select ON. For details, see page 38.



❺ Enter your DSS receiver code number and press CURSOR↓. For details, see page 38.


SET UP CABLE BOX
CABLE BOX CONTROL
CABLE MOUSE ON OFF
BOX CODE NO. ----
BOX OUTPUT CH CH3
Enter your CABLE BOX Code No. using 0-9 keys
Refer to the Operating Manual for the Code

❻ Set your DSS receiver output channel (BOX OUTPUT CH) to LINE and press EXECUTE.


SET UP CABLE BOX
CABLE BOX CONTROL
CABLE MOUSE ON OFF
BOX CODE NO. 650
BOX OUTPUT CH LINE
Use ←→ to select CABLE BOX CH. Then push EXECUTE
SET UP
SET UP is done

Normal display

Automatic clock setting

Once you've set up the VCR, it automatically sets the clock the first time you turn off the VCR. After that, whenever you turn off the VCR, it checks the time and adjusts the clock, even for Daylight Saving Time. The VCR sets the clock by picking up a time signal provided by some TV channels.

If you want to use the timer to record right away, or if the channels in your area do not carry time signals, set the clock manually. For details, see pages 36 to 37.

Note

- To successfully record a program from the DSS receiver, proceed as follows:
  - Leave the DSS receiver on all the time.
  - Turn off the display (menu screen, channel number, etc.) of the DSS receiver.
  - To record or receive locked channels, unlock the channel before the VCR starts recording.
  - To set pay-per-view programs in the timer setting, order the pay-per-view program before the VCR starts recording.
  - Some programs are copy protected. You cannot record these programs.

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Hookup 6

Pages 26 to 30

Incompatible cable box with only a few scrambled channels, using an A/B switch

Recommended use

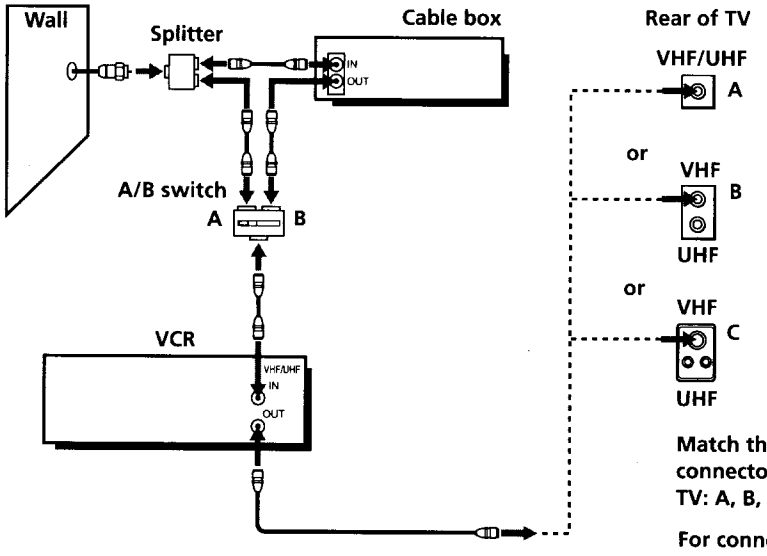
By using an A/B switch (not supplied), this hookup allows you to record both scrambled and unscrambled channels conveniently.

What you can do with this hookup

- Record any unscrambled channel by selecting the channel directly on the VCR (the A/B switch is set to A)
- Record any scrambled channel by selecting the channel on the cable box (the A/B switch is set to B)

What you can't do

- Record one scrambled channel while watching another channel (the A/B switch is set to B)

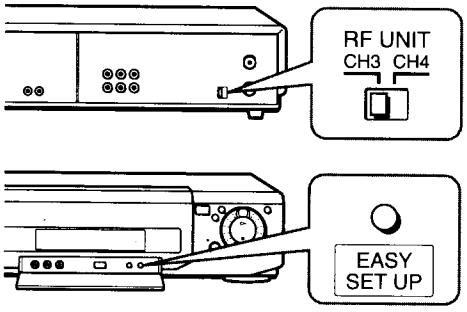


Match the type of connector on your TV: A, B, or C.

For connector types B and C, no UHF connection is required.

Hookup 6: VCR setup

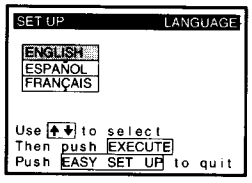
1 Set the RF UNIT switch to CH 3 or CH 4, whichever channel is not used in your area. If both are used, set the switch to either channel.
For details, see page 78. If you made A/V connections (from page 8), you can skip this step.



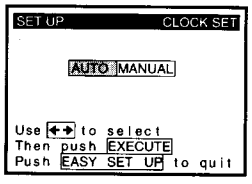
2 Set the A/B switch to "A."

3 Press EASY SET UP on the VCR.

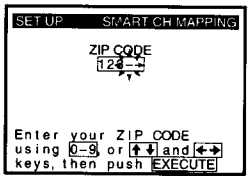
❶ The LANGUAGE menu appears. Change the on-screen display language to Spanish (ESPAÑOL) or French (FRANÇAIS) if desired, and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 31.



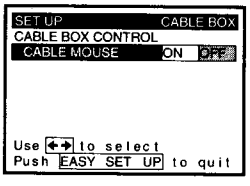
❷ The CLOCK SET menu appears. Select AUTO and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 32.



❸ The SMART CH MAPPING menu appears. Press CURSOR ↑/↓/←/→ to enter the ZIP CODE in your area and press EXECUTE. (You can also use the number buttons to enter the ZIP CODE.)



❹ The CABLE BOX menu appears. Select OFF and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 38.



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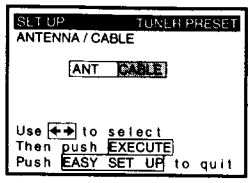
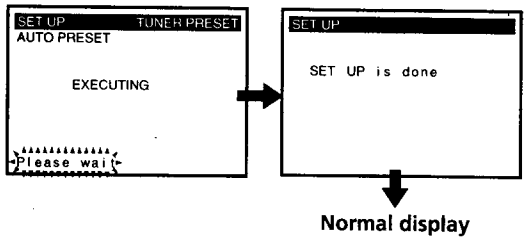
❺ The TUNER PRESET menu appears. Set ANTENNA/CABLE to CABLE and press EXECUTE. For details, see page 43.

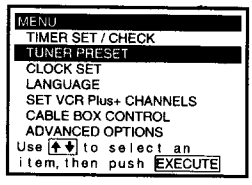


❻ The AUTO PRESET starts.

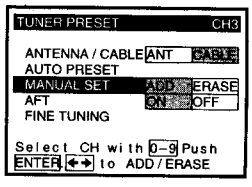


4 Preset the cable box output channel (usually 2, 3, or 4). For details, see page 38.

❶ Press MENU and select TUNER PRESET.

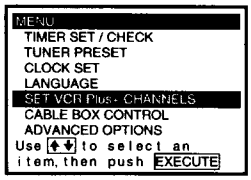


❷ Enter the cable box output channel. Set MANUAL SET to ADD and press EXECUTE.

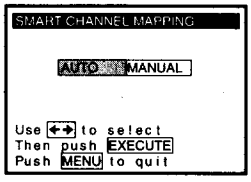

TUNER PRESET CH3
ANTENNA / CABLE ANT CABLE
AUTO PRESET
MANUAL SET ADD ERASE
AFT ON OFF
FINE TUNING
Select CH with 0–9 Push ENTER, ↔ to ADD / ERASE

Hookup 6: VCR Plus+ channel setup

1 Press MENU and select SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS.



2 Press CURSOR ←/→ to select AUTO and press EXECUTE.



3 Press POWER to turn off the VCR.

The VCR receives the program information signal from 0:00 am to 5:00 am while the VCR is turned off, and set up the channel for VCR Plus+ recording. After channel setup is finished, you can record TV programs using VCR Plus+. For details, see page 48.

Notes

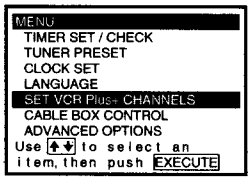
- To use the smart channel mapping feature, set the A/B switch to A.
- It takes about 1 hour to complete channel setup.
- The VCR can receive the program information signal only while the VCR is turned off and no timer recordings are set.
- If the channels in your area don't carry the program information signals, set the program guide channels manually. For details, see page 50.
- If the Choose your Cable CH MAP menu appears the first time you turn on the VCR after finishing channel setup, select the MAP number. For details, see page 49.

VCR Plus+ channel setup for scrambled channels

To set the program guide channels for scrambled channels, enter all the scrambled channels you want to record and the cable box output channel (usually 2, 3, or 4) after finishing smart channel mapping. For details, see page 50.

❶ Find the VCR Plus+ Channel Listing in your program guide. For details, see page 47.

❷ Press MENU and select SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS, then press EXECUTE.



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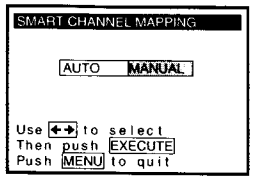
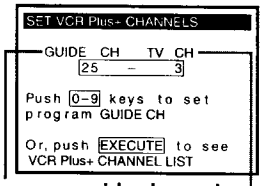
❸ Press CURSOR ← / → to select MANUAL.



❹ Enter the program guide channel, then the cable box output channel.

❺ Press EXECUTE.

❻ Press MENU.



Program guide channel

Cable box output channel

Automatic clock setting

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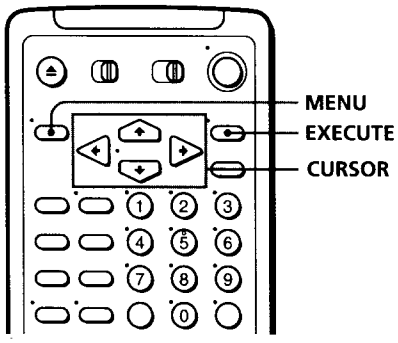
If you want to use the timer to record right away, or if the channels in your area do not carry time signals, set the clock manually. For details, see pages 36 to 37.

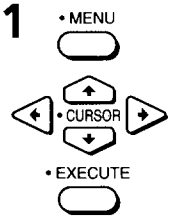
Note

- To use the automatic clock setting feature, set the A / B switch to A.

Selecting a language

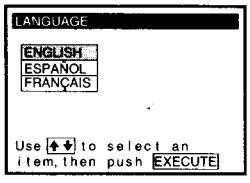
You can change the on-screen display language.

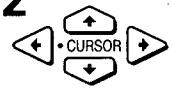


1 

Press MENU, then press CURSOR ↑/↓ to move the cursor to LANGUAGE and press EXECUTE.

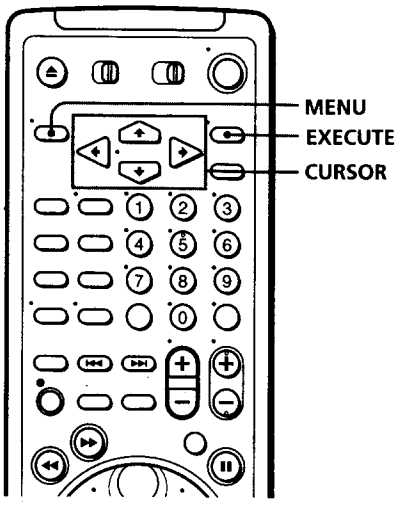
When using the EASY SET UP procedure, skip this step.



2 

Press CURSOR ↑/↓ to select ENGLISH, ESPAÑOL, or FRANÇAIS, then press EXECUTE.

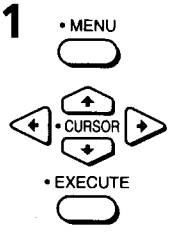
Setting the clock



Using the Auto Clock Set feature

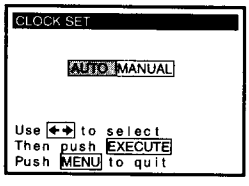
Some TV and cable channels transmit time signals with their broadcasts. Your VCR can pick up this time signal to automatically set the clock.

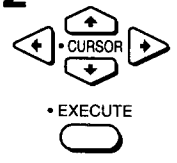
The Auto Clock Set feature works only if a channel in your area is broadcasting a time signal. If broadcasters in your area are not yet sending time signals, set the time manually (page 36).

1 

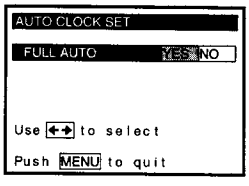
Press MENU, then press CURSOR ↑/↓ to move the cursor to CLOCK SET and press EXECUTE.

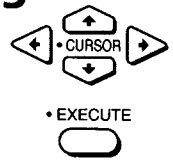
When using the EASY SET UP procedure, skip this step.



2 

Press CURSOR ←/→ to select AUTO, then press EXECUTE.



3 

Press CURSOR ←/→ to select YES, then press EXECUTE.

4 To activate the Auto Clock Set function, turn off the VCR.

The VCR automatically sets the clock by searching for a channel that carries a time signal and sets your time zone and Daylight Saving Time (if applicable).

If your clock is set to the wrong time zone or Daylight Saving Time, you can adjust these settings without turning off the Auto Clock Set feature (page 34).

Notes

- The clock cannot be set automatically if you don't receive a channel that carries a time signal in your area. If so, set the clock manually.
- If there are only a few channels in your area that carry time signals, setting the clock automatically may take up to about 30 minutes. If nothing happens even after you wait about 30 minutes, set the clock manually.
- If you use Hookup 1 or Hookup 4, make sure you leave the cable box on.

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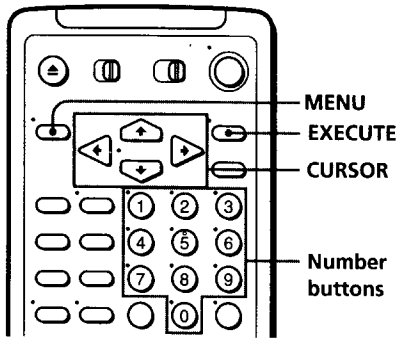
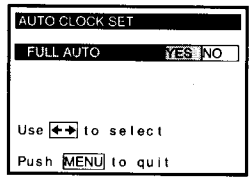
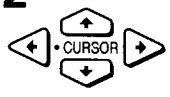
If the clock is not activated



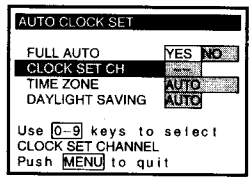
1 Follow steps 1 and 2 in "Using the Auto Clock Set feature."

The AUTO CLOCK SET menu is displayed.



2 

Press CURSOR ←/→ to select NO for FULL AUTO.


AUTO CLOCK SET
FULL AUTO YES NO
CLOCK SET CH
TIME ZONE AUTO
DAYLIGHT SAVING AUTO
Use 0–9 keys to select CLOCK SET CHANNEL
Push MENU to quit

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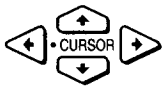
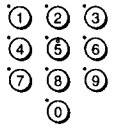


Press CURSOR ↑/↓ to highlight the item you want to set, then press CURSOR ←/→ to make the setting.



- For CLOCK SET CH
  Leave the setting to "– –" to have the VCR automatically search for a channel that carries a time signal.
  Press the number buttons to select a channel that carries a time signal.
  Use this option if you know of a channel that carries a time signal. Most PBS member stations broadcast a time signal. For the fastest response, select your local PBS station.

- For TIME ZONE
  Select the time zone of your area, or select AUTO to have the VCR automatically set your time zone.
  The options are: AUTO → ATLANTIC → EASTERN → CENTRAL → MOUNTAIN → PACIFIC → ALASKA → HAWAII → AUTO

- For DAYLIGHT SAVING
  Select ON or OFF (standard time), or AUTO to have the VCR automatically set the daylight saving time.

4

Press EXECUTE.

5

To activate the Auto Clock Set function, turn off the VCR.

Note

- If you use both the cable box control feature and the Auto Clock Set feature, the VCR automatically changes channels on the cable box until a channel that carries a time signal is found, whenever you turn off the VCR.
  If you want to stop the search, change the channel on the cable box with the channel buttons either on the VCR or on the remote commander.

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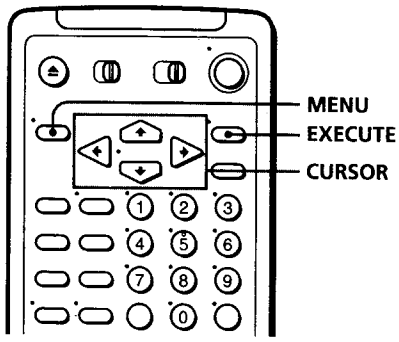
Using Manual Clock Set



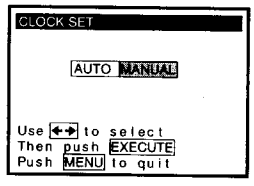
1 • MENU

• CURSOR

• EXECUTE

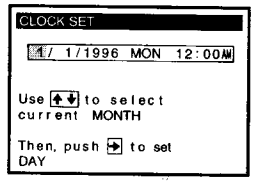
Press MENU, then press CURSOR ↑/↓ to move the cursor to CLOCK SET and press EXECUTE.

When using the EASY SET UP procedure, skip this step.



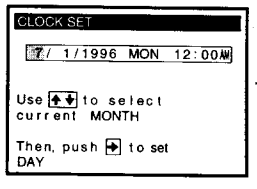
2 • CURSOR

Press CURSOR ←/→ to select MANUAL, then press EXECUTE.



3 • CURSOR

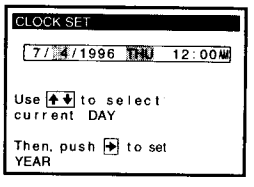
Press CURSOR ↑/↓ to set the month.

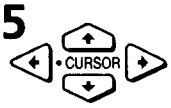


4 • CURSOR

Press CURSOR → to highlight the day and press CURSOR ↑/↓ to set the day.

The day of the week is set automatically.



5 

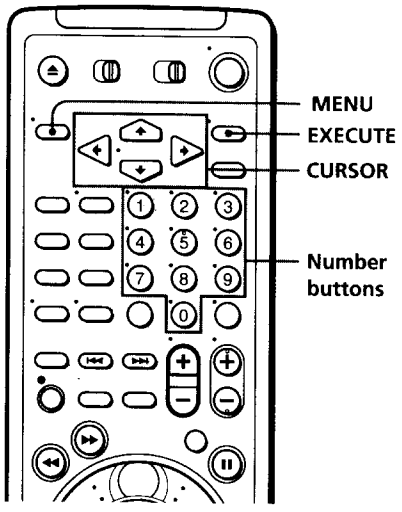
Set the year, hour and minutes in the same way as the day.

6 • EXECUTE

Press EXECUTE to start the clock.

Setting up cable box control

(Skip this section if you are using Hookup 2, 3, 4, or 6.)



Your VCR includes a cable box control feature that allows the VCR to control most brands of cable boxes/DSS receivers via the Cable Mouse. With cable box control, the VCR controls channels on the cable box/DSS receiver for timer recording. You can also use the VCR's remote commander to change channels on the cable box/DSS receiver whenever the cable box/DSS receiver is turned on even if the VCR is turned off. To use cable box control, you need to connect the Cable Mouse (pages 10 and 23) and set the code number and output channel.

This VCR is programmed with codes necessary to control channel selection on most brands of cable boxes at the time this VCR was manufactured. It is possible that new cable boxes may be introduced that cannot be controlled with this VCR's Cable Mouse. If you have a cable box that is incompatible with this VCR, contact your cable operator — they may be able to provide you with a compatible cable box.

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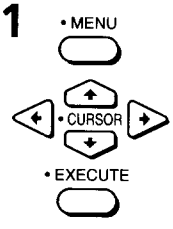
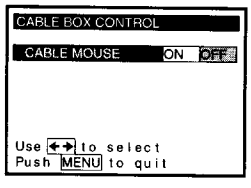


Press MENU, then press CURSOR ↑/↓ to move the cursor to CABLE BOX CONTROL and press EXECUTE.

When using the EASY SET UP procedure, skip this step.



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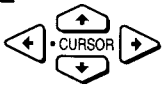
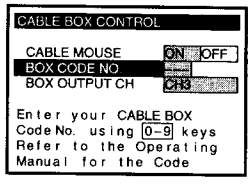


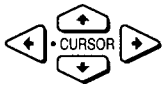
Press CURSOR ←/→ to select ON, then press CURSOR ↓.

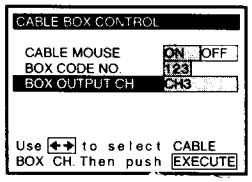

CABLE BOX CONTROL
CABLE MOUSE ON OFF
BOX CODE NO
BOX OUTPUT CH CH3
Enter your CABLE BOX Code No. using 0-9 keys
Refer to the Operating Manual for the Code

3 ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⓪

Press the number buttons to enter the cable box/DSS receiver code number, then press CURSOR ↓.

Find your cable box/DSS receiver code number from the chart below.





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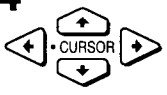

If you want to control a cable box, press CURSOR ← / → to select the output channel for the cable box, then press EXECUTE.

If you want to control a DSS receiver, select LINE, then press EXECUTE.

Cable box and DSS receiver brand and the corresponding code numbers

If more than one code number is listed, try entering them one by one, until you come to the correct code for your equipment.

Cable box brand	Code numbers
ABC	018, 022, 024, 028, 217
Antronix	218
Archer	033, 050, 164, 218
BBT	278
Cable Star	067
Cabletenna	033
Cable time	172, 282, 388, 459
Century	164
Citizen	164, 326, 327
Clyde Cablevision	097
Colour Voice	036, 042
Comband	243, 244
Comtronics	051, 071
Decsat	434
Diamond	046
Eagle Comtronics	051

Cable box brand	Code numbers
Eastern	013, 285
Electricord	089
Electus	055
Filmnet	454
Focus	411
Garrard	164
GC Electronics	027, 067, 341
GE	243, 244
GEC	097
Gemini	026, 068, 081, 253
General Instrument	022, 287, 487
Hamlin	020, 031, 045, 270, 284
Hitachi	022
Jasco	164, 326
Jerrold	014, 022, 025, 026, 035, 037, 058, 109, 287, 487

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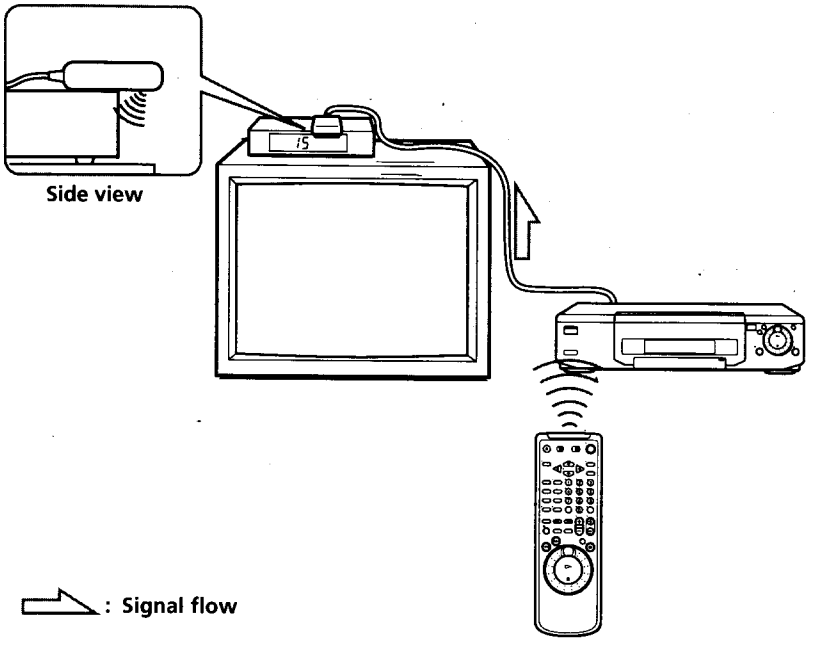
Cable box brand	Code numbers
Linsay	451
Macom	044
Magnavox	038, 043, 080, 345
Memorex	011
Movie Time	089, 167, 214
Northcoast	325
Novaplex	629
NSC	074, 081, 167, 214
Oak	018, 030, 259
Omniview	382
Panasonic	032, 118
Paragon	011
Philips	036, 038, 039, 040, 041, 042, 071, 301, 345
Philips ECG	253
Pioneer	034, 155, 271, 544, 695
Popular Mechanics	411
Pulsar	011
RCA	032
Realistic	218
Recoton	411
Regal	031, 270, 284, 290
Regency	013
Rembrandt	081
RK	315, 317, 490
Samsung	051, 155
Satbox	386
Scientific Atlanta	017, 019, 028, 288, 338
Seam	521
Sharp	324
Signal	051
Signature	022
SL Marx	051
Spectravision	069
Sprucer	032, 318
Standard Components	107, 166
Starcom	014, 026, 058, 109
Stargate	026, 051
STS	167
Sylvania	012
T-Cable Teletext	116
Tandy	269
Tatung	108
Teknica	157
Tele +1	454
TeleCaption	232
Teleservice	292
Texscan	012, 107
TFC	321
Timeless	429
Tocom	023, 024, 070
Toshiba	011
Tudi	297
TV86	074
TV COM	018, 030, 259
Uniden	236
Unika	033, 164, 218
United Artists	018
United Cable	014
Universal	033, 050, 067, 088, 089, 164, 202, 218, 333
Videoway	261
Vidtech	255
Viewstar	038, 071, 074, 122, 222, 269, 300
Westminster cable	116
Zenith	011, 065, 536
Zentek	411
Wave Master	576

DSS receiver brand	Code numbers
Sony	650
RCA	577

To ensure correct operation

- Place the Cable Mouse so that it hangs out over the cable box/DSS receiver front.
- Do not place the cable box/DSS receiver on top of the VCR.
- Position the cable box/DSS receiver away from the VCR.
- Point the remote commander at the VCR, not at the cable box/DSS receiver.



To check the cable box control setting

1 Press CH +/– on the remote commander. Does the channel indicator on the cable box/DSS receiver change? (Point the remote commander at the VCR, not at the cable box/DSS receiver.)

2 Press all 10 number buttons (0 to 9) on the remote commander. Does the channel indicator on the cable box/DSS receiver change?

If the answer to both 1 and 2 is "yes," you have made the correct setting.

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If you cannot get your VCR to control the cable box/DSS receiver

- Check that the Cable Mouse is connected to the CABLE BOX CONTROL jack on the VCR.
- Check the position of the Cable Mouse.
- Place the cable box/DSS receiver and VCR away from each other. Do not place the cable box/DSS receiver on top of the VCR.
- Try the setup again making sure to use the correct control code. If the cable box still does not respond, try the other codes that are listed.

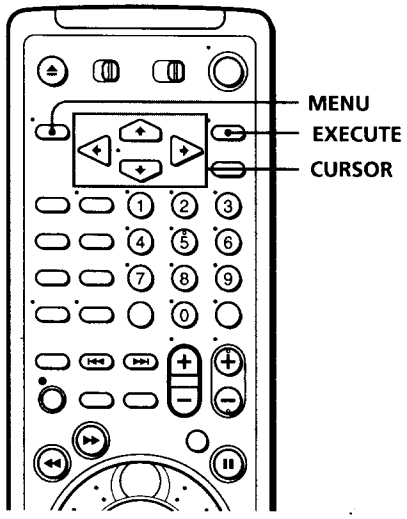
If your cable box still does not operate with the Cable Mouse, contact your cable company to see if they can provide you with a compatible cable box.

Note

- Make sure you turn off the VCR when you plug in or unplug the Cable Mouse. If you unplug the Cable Mouse and plug it in again, turn on the VCR before you use the cable box/DSS receiver control feature.

Presetting channels

(Skip this section if you are using cable box/DSS receiver control.)



This VCR is capable of receiving VHF channels 2 to 13, UHF channels 14 to 69 and unscrambled CATV channels 1 to 125. First, we recommend that you preset the receivable channels in your area using automatic presetting. Then, if there are any unwanted channels, disable them manually. If you have decided which channels you wish to preset, set them directly using manual presetting.

Before you start...

- Turn on the VCR and the TV.
- Set the TV to the VCR channel (channel 3 or 4). If your TV is connected to the VCR using A/V connections, set the TV to video input.
- Press TV/VTR to display the VTR indicator in the VCR's display window.
- Press INPUT SELECT so that a channel number appears in the VCR's display window.

Presetting all receivable channels automatically

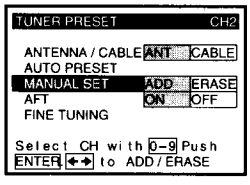
1 • MENU

• CURSOR

• EXECUTE

Press MENU, then press CURSOR ↑/↓ to move the cursor to TUNER PRESET and press EXECUTE.

When using the EASY SET UP procedure, skip this step.



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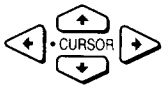
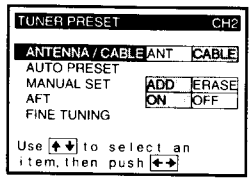
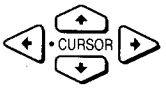


• To preset cable TV channels:

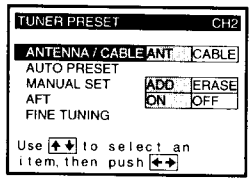
Press CURSOR ←/→ to set ANTENNA/CABLE to CABLE.


TUNER PRESET CH2
ANTENNA / CABLE ANT CABLE
AUTO PRESET
MANUAL SET ADD ERASE
AFT ON OFF
FINE TUNING
Use ↑↓ to select an item, then push →



• To preset VHF and UHF channels:

Press CURSOR ←/→ to set ANTENNA/CABLE to ANT.


TUNER PRESET CH2
ANTENNA / CABLE ANT CABLE
AUTO PRESET
MANUAL SET ADD ERASE
AFT ON OFF
FINE TUNING
Use ↑↓ to select an item, then push →

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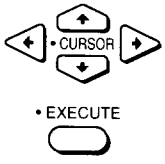
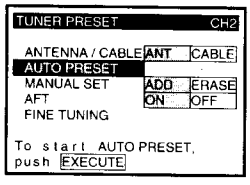


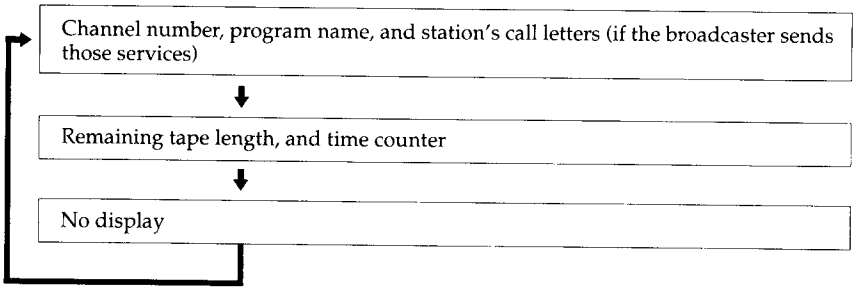
Press CURSOR ↑/↓ to select AUTO PRESET then press EXECUTE.

All receivable channels are preset in numerical sequence. When no more receivable channels can be found, presetting stops and the picture from the lowest numbered channel is displayed on the TV screen.

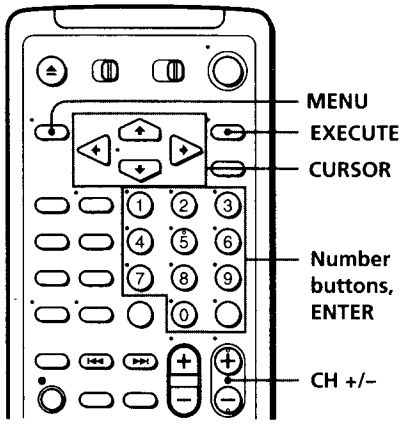


Tip

• When receiving a VHF, UHF or CATV channel, the display changes as follows each time you press DISPLAY.


Channel number, program name, and station's call letters (if the broadcaster sends those services)
Remaining tape length, and time counter
No display

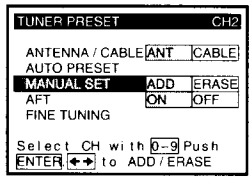
Presetting/disabling channels manually



1 • MENU

• EXECUTE

Press MENU and select TUNER PRESET, then press EXECUTE.

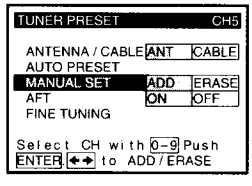


2 ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⓪

ENTER

• To preset a channel:

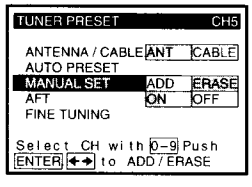
1 Press the number buttons to enter the channel number, then press ENTER.
2 Press CURSOR ← / → to set MANUAL SET to ADD.



• CH

• To disable a channel:

1 Press CH +/– to select the channel number.
2 Press CURSOR ← / → to set MANUAL SET to ERASE.



3 • EXECUTE

Repeat step 2 to preset or disable channels as required, then press EXECUTE.

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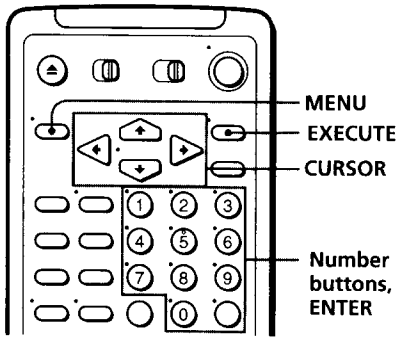
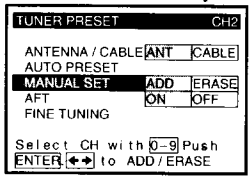
If the picture is not clear

Normally, the Auto Fine Tuning (AFT) function automatically tunes in channels clearly. If, however, the picture of a channel is not clear, you can also use the manual tuning function.



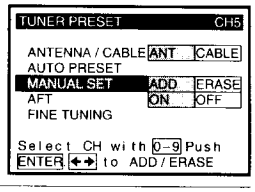
1 • MENU • EXECUTE

Press MENU and select TUNER PRESET, then press EXECUTE.



2 ENTER

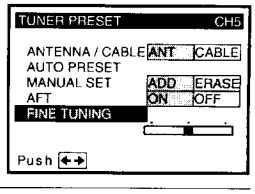
Press the number buttons to select the channel you want to fine-tune, then press ENTER.



3 • CURSOR

Press CURSOR ↑/↓ to select FINE TUNING.

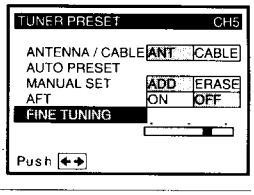
The fine tuning meter appears.



4 • CURSOR

Press CURSOR ←/→ to adjust to a clearer picture.

Note that the AFT setting switches to OFF.



Setting up VCR Plus+

How VCR Plus+ works

Whenever you want to record a TV program, all you need to do is look up the program's "PlusCode," a number assigned to each program published in the TV section of most newspapers, cable TV listings, and even *TV GUIDE* magazine. Then, just enter the PlusCode of the program you want and the VCR is automatically programmed to record that show. It's that simple.

Example of "PlusCode"

PlusCode

5:30 14 MOVIE—Musical (2hrs.) 33044
2 SPORT—Golf (1hr. 25min.) 42060
CNN—WS 9974
6:30 2 3 4 DRAMA—Comedy (2hrs.) 17390
5 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (1hr. 15min.) 73457

How to set up your VCR

Setting up your VCR involves coordinating the TV channel number (the number you turn to on your TV or VCR to watch a program) with the guide channel (the number that's assigned to that channel in your program guide).

The VCR can set the guide channels automatically (see page 48), but you may have to set the guide channels manually depending on your area or the way you hooked up your VCR (see page 50).

To find the guide channel numbers, look at the "Channel Line-up Chart" in the program guide for your area that features VCR PlusCodes. It usually looks like the example to the right.

Example of "Channel Line-up Chart"

CABLE CH	CABLE TV	VCR Plus+ GUIDE CH
16	AMC American Movie Classics	35
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34	ESN ESPN	34
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SAMPLE

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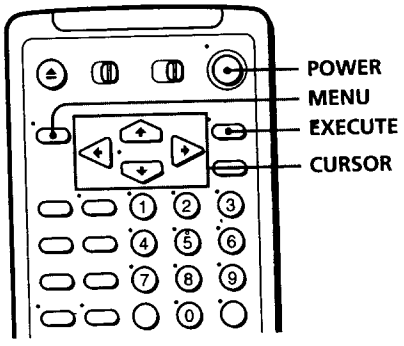
Setting up VCR Plus+ automatically (Smart Channel Mapping)

The VCR can automatically set the guide channels in your area from ZIP CODE you entered in EASY SET UP. The VCR receives the program information signal and renews the data everyday after you complete the following procedure.



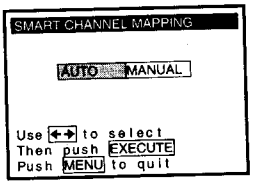
1 Set up the VCR using the EASY SET UP function.

2 • MENU

• CURSOR

• EXECUTE

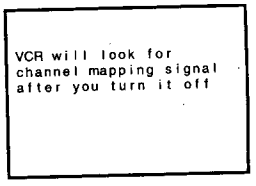
Press MENU, then press CURSOR ↑/↓ to move the cursor to SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS and press EXECUTE. The SMART CHANNEL MAPPING menu appears.



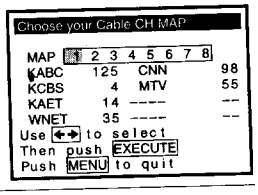
3 • CURSOR

• EXECUTE

Press CURSOR ←/→ to select AUTO and press EXECUTE. The instruction shown on the right appears on the TV screen for few seconds, then the screen returns to the normal display.



If the program information signal in your area has several channel map patterns, the Choose your Cable CH MAP menu appears, and you must select the channel map. See "To select the channel map" on the next page.


Choose your Cable CH MAP
MAP 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
KABC 125 CNN 98
KCBS 4 MTV 55
KAET 14 ----- --
WNET 35 ----- --
Use ↔ to select
Then push EXECUTE
Push MENU to quit

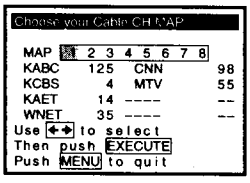
4 • POWER

Press POWER to turn off the VCR.

The VCR sets the program guide channels from 0:00 am to 5:00 am while the VCR is turned off. (It takes about 1 hour to complete channel mapping.)

To select the channel map

If the program information signal in your area has several channel map patterns (up to 8), the Choose your Cable CH MAP menu appears:


Choose your Cable CH MAP
MAP 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
KABC 125 CNN 98
KCBS 4 MTV 55
KAET 14 ---- --
WNET 35 ---- --
Use ←→ to select
Then push EXECUTE
Push MENU to quit

- the first time you turn on the VCR after completing channel mapping
- after selecting AUTO and pressing EXECUTE on the SMART CHANNEL MAPPING menu

In this case, you have to select the channel map on the Choose your Cable CH MAP menu.

1 Find the VCR Plus+ Channel Listing in your program guide. For details, see page 47.

2 Press CURSOR ←/→ to select the channel map number you want by checking the guide channel number in the program guide.

3 Press EXECUTE.

Notes

- It takes about 1 hour to complete channel mapping.
- The VCR can receive the program information signal only while the VCR is turned off and no timer recordings are set.
- The VCR cannot set the guide channels correctly unless you enter the ZIP CODE in your area.
- When you move to a different area, you must set up the VCR again and enter your new ZIP CODE in the EASY SET UP procedure.

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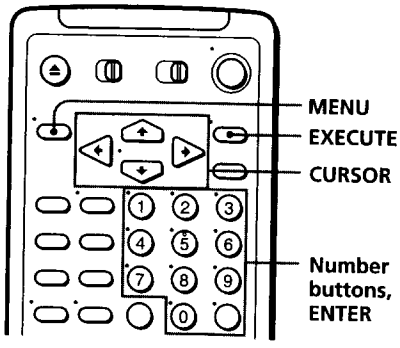
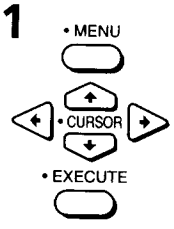
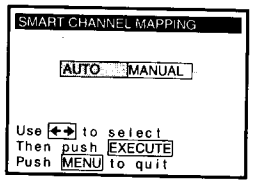
Setting up VCR Plus+ manually

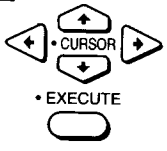
To set the guide channels manually, use the Channel Line-up Chart to check that the guide channel numbers match the TV channel your VCR receives. For example, if HBO is listed in the Channel Line-up Chart on channel 33, and your VCR receives HBO on channel 5, you need to coordinate these numbers using the following procedure. If the guide and TV channel numbers are the same, you can skip this procedure.



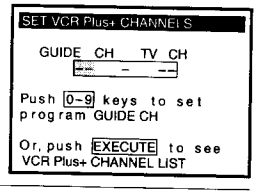
1 

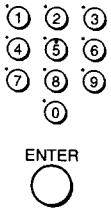
Press MENU, then press CURSOR ↑/↓ to move the cursor to SET VCR Plus+ CHANNELS and press EXECUTE.



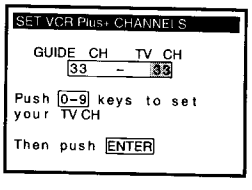
2 

Press CURSOR ← / → to select MANUAL and press EXECUTE.



3 

Enter the guide channel number assigned in the program guide and press ENTER.



4 ENTER

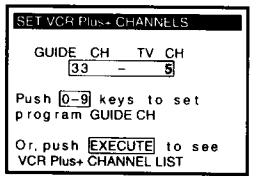
- If you made Hookup 1, 2, or 3: Enter the actual number on your TV (and VCR) and press ENTER.

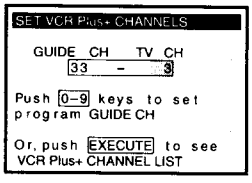
ENTER

- If you made Hookup 4: Enter the cable output channel (usually 2, 3, or 4) and press ENTER.

ENTER

- If you made Hookup 6: Enter the actual number on your TV (and VCR) for an unscrambled channel and press ENTER. For a scrambled channel, enter the cable box output channel (usually 2, 3, or 4) and press ENTER.

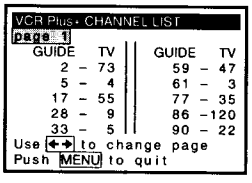




5 Repeat steps 3 and 4 for each guide channel number that doesn't match.

6 • EXECUTE

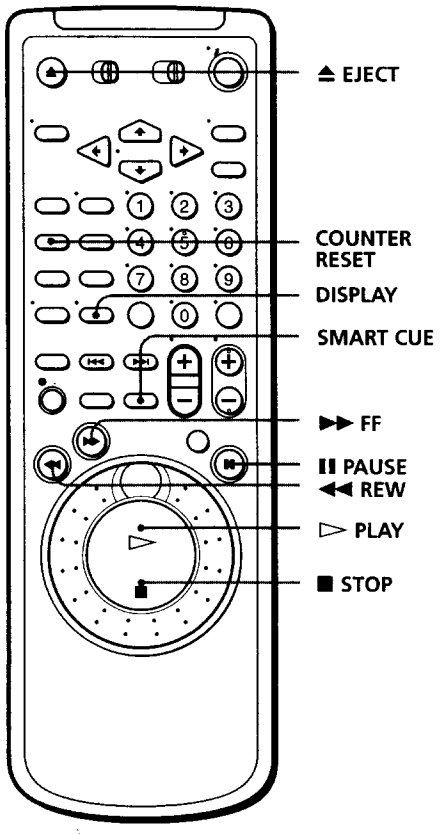
When you have set all channels, press EXECUTE to confirm your channel settings.



7 • MENU

After all settings are complete, press MENU to exit.

Playing a tape



1 Turn on your TV and set it to the video channel.

2 Open the drop down panel and insert a tape.

The VCR turns on and starts playing automatically if you insert a tape with its safety tab removed.

3

Press ▷ PLAY.

When the tape reaches the end, it will rewind automatically.

Additional tasks

To	Press
Stop play	■ STOP
Pause play	❚❚ PAUSE
Resume play after pause	❚❚ PAUSE or ▷ PLAY
Search forward	▶▶ FF during playback
Search backward	◀◀ REW during playback
Fast-forward the tape	▶▶ FF during stop
Rewind the tape	◀◀ REW during stop
Eject the tape	⏏ EJECT

To skip playback

You can skip a portion of playback you don't want to watch such as a commercial and restart playback by pressing a single button.

1. Press SMART CUE during playback of the scene you want to skip. The VCR starts searching.
2. Press SMART CUE again when you find the scene you want to watch. The VCR stops searching, rewinds a few seconds, then resumes normal playback.

If you press and hold SMART CUE while the VCR is skip searching, the VCR will stop searching, and continue rewinding until you release SMART CUE.

Tip

- You can change the length of rewinding time on the ADVANCED OPTION menu. See page 72.

To use the time counter

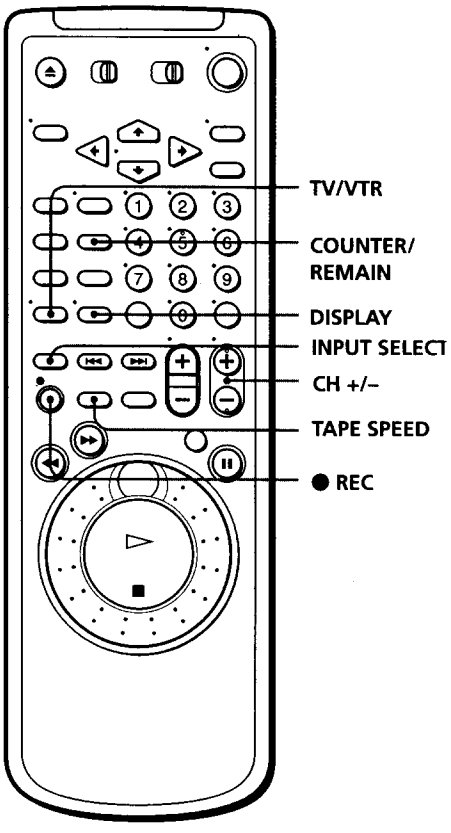
At the point on the tape that you want to find later, press COUNTER RESET. The counter in the display window resets to "0H00M00S." Search for the point afterwards by referring to the counter.

To display the counter on the TV screen, press DISPLAY.

Notes

- Tapes recorded in the LP mode on other VCRs can be played back on this VCR but the picture quality cannot be guaranteed.
- The counter resets to "0H00M00S" whenever a tape is reinserted.
- The counter stops counting when it comes to a portion with no recording.

Recording TV programs



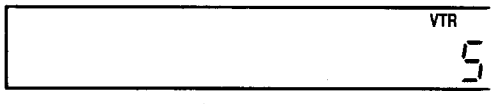
1 Turn on your TV and set it to the video channel.

To record from a cable box, turn it on.

2 Insert a tape with its safety tab in place.

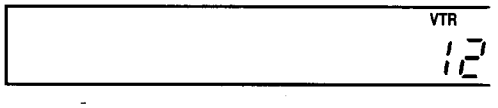
3 INPUT • SELECT

Press INPUT SELECT until a channel number appears in the display window.



4 • CH

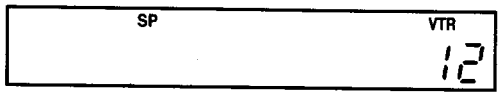
Press CH +/– to select the channel you want to record.



5 TAPE • SPEED

Press TAPE SPEED to select the tape speed, SP or EP.

EP provides recording time three times as long as SP, however, SP produces better picture quality.



6 ●REC

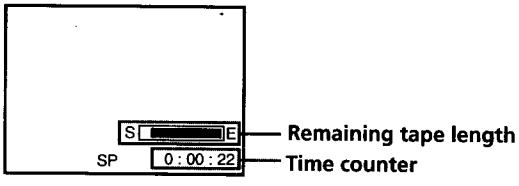
Press ● REC to start recording.

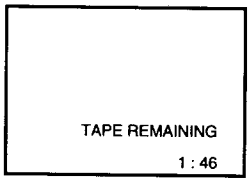
To stop recording

Press ■ STOP.

To check the remaining tape length

Press DISPLAY. The white bar indicates the approximate length of tape remaining. With the display on, press COUNTER/REMAIN to check the remaining time. Each time you press COUNTER/REMAIN, the time counter and the remaining time appear alternately. The remaining time also appears in the display window.





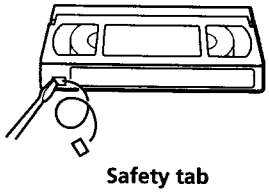
To check the remaining time of a tape more than two hours long, set TAPE SELECT in the ADVANCED OPTIONS menu to "~160." (For details, see page 72.)

To watch another TV program while recording

1. Press TV/VTR to turn off the VTR indicator in the display window.
2. If the TV is connected to the VCR's LINE OUT jacks, set the TV to TV input; if not, skip this step.
3. Select another channel on the TV.

To save a recording

To prevent accidental erasure, break off the safety tab as illustrated. To record on a tape again, cover the tab hole with adhesive tape.



Safety tab

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Tips

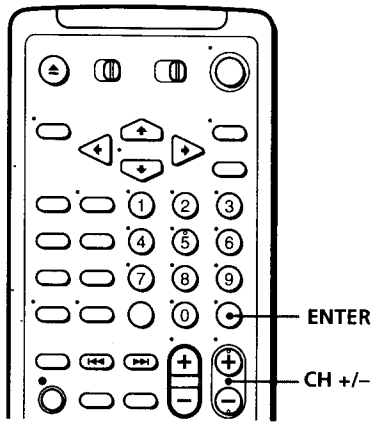
- To select a channel, you can use the number buttons on the remote commander. Enter the channel number, then press ENTER.
- You can select a video source form the LINE-1 IN or LINE-2 IN jacks using INPUT SELECT.
- The display appears on the TV screen indicating information about the tape, but the information won't be recorded on the tape.
- If you don't want to watch TV while recording, you can turn off the TV. When using a cable box, make sure to leave it on.

Notes

- The remaining time may not be indicated accurately for short tapes such as T-20 or T-30, or tapes recorded in the LP mode.
- The display does not appear during still (pause) mode or slow-motion playback.
- It may take up to one minute for the VCR to calculate and display the remaining time after you press DISPLAY.

Locating a channel by station ID

You can select the TV program from station ID.

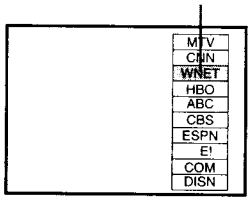


1 Turn on your TV and set it to the video channel.

To record from a cable box, turn it on.

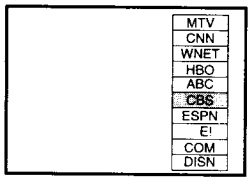
2 ENTER

Press ENTER.
The station ID appears on the TV screen.



3 • CH

Press CH +/– to select the station ID you want.



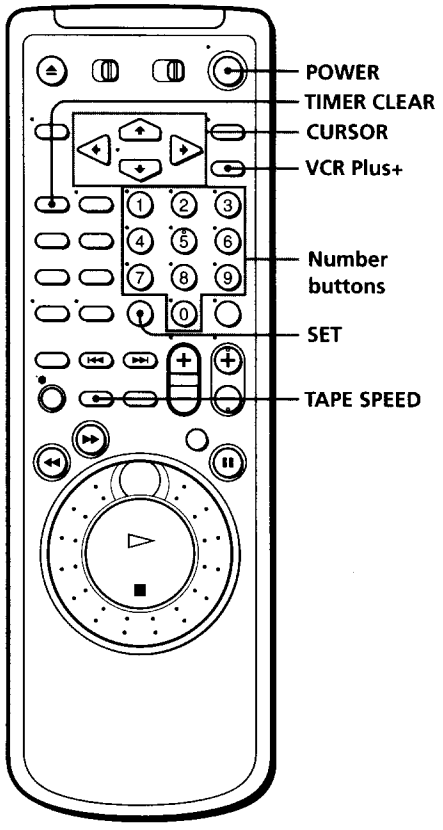
4 ENTER

Press ENTER.

Note

- If the TV channel has no station ID, the channel number appears on the TV screen.

Recording TV programs using VCR Plus+



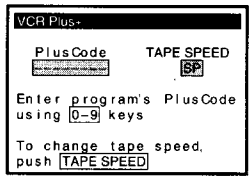
Just enter the program's PlusCode listed in the TV program guide. The date, times and channel number of that program are set automatically. You can preset up to eight programs at a time.

Before you start...

- Check that the VCR clock is set to the correct time.
- Turn on your TV and set it to the video channel. When using a cable box, turn it on.
- Insert a tape with its safety tab in place. Make sure the tape is longer than the total recording time.

1 • VCR Plus+

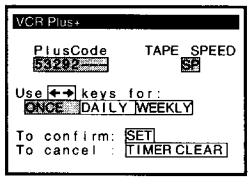
Press VCR Plus+.



2 ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⓪

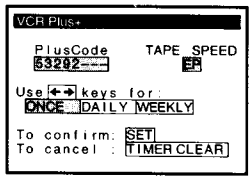
Press the number buttons to enter the program's PlusCode.

If you make a mistake, press TIMER CLEAR and re-enter the correct number.



3 TAPE • SPEED

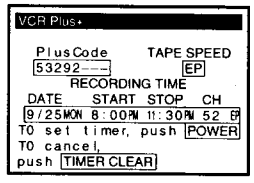
Press TAPE SPEED to select SP or EP.



4 • CURSOR, SET

Select ONCE, DAILY, or WEEKLY by using CURSOR ←/→, then press SET:

To record	Select
Only once	ONCE
Everyday Monday to Friday	DAILY
Once a week	WEEKLY



TIMER • CLEAR

The date, start and stop times, channel number and tape speed appear on the TV screen. If the information is not correct, press TIMER CLEAR to cancel the setting.

5 To enter another setting, repeat steps 1 to 4.

6 • POWER

Press POWER to turn off the VCR.

The TIMER indicator on the VCR lights up and the VCR stands by for recording. When using a cable box, leave it on.

To stop recording

To stop the VCR while recording, press ■ STOP.

To use the VCR after setting the timer

To use the VCR before a timer recording begins, just press POWER. The "TIMER" indicator turns off and the VCR switches on. Remember to press POWER to reset the VCR in timer recording standby after using the VCR.

You can also do the following tasks while the VCR is recording:

- Reset the counter.
- Display tape information on the TV screen.
- Check the timer settings.
- Watch another TV program.

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To lock the VCR after setting the timer (Child Lock)

Hold down POWER on the VCR until the VCR beeps. The VCR turns off and the "LOC" appears in the display window. The VCR will not work except for timer recording.

To unlock the VCR, hold down POWER on the VCR until the VCR beeps.

Tips

- To cancel the procedure, press VCR Plus+ before pressing SET.
- When you are recording a program in the SP mode and the remaining tape becomes shorter than the recording time, the tape speed is automatically changed to the EP mode. Note that some noises will appear on the picture when the tape speed is changed. If you want to keep the tape speed, set AUTO TAPE SPEED to OFF in the ADVANCED OPTIONS menu (page 72).

Notes

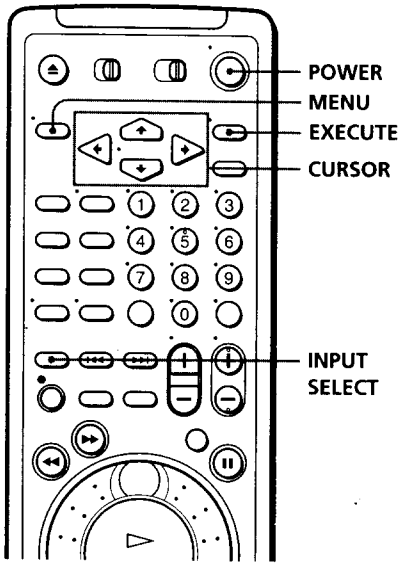
- If the VCR beeps, this means that:
  - the PlusCode is incorrect.
  - ONCE, DAILY, or WEEKLY was selected incorrectly. You cannot select DAILY or WEEKLY for a program that airs more than seven days ahead.
- The VCR will be unlocked when:
  - you stop timer recording by pressing ■ STOP
  - you insert a tape
  - the AC power cord is disconnected or power supply stops

Setting the timer manually

If VCR Plus+ is not available in your area, follow the instructions below to set the timer to record programs.

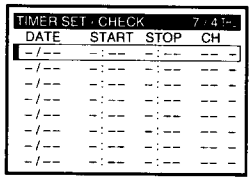
Before you start...

- Check that the VCR clock is set to the correct time.
- Turn on your TV and set it to the video channel. When using a cable box, turn it on.
- Insert a tape with its safety tab in place. Make sure the tape is longer than the total recording time.



1 • MENU

Press MENU and select TIMER SET/CHECK.



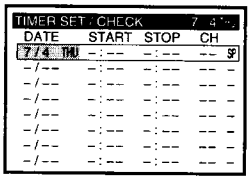
2

• CURSOR

Set the date, start and stop times, channel number and tape speed:

1 Press CURSOR ➡ to highlight each item in turn.
2 Press CURSOR ⬇/⬆ to set each item.

To correct a setting, press CURSOR ⬅ to return to that setting and reset.



To record the same program every day or the same day every week, press CURSOR ⬇ while the date is highlighting. For details, see "Daily/weekly recording" on the next page.

INPUT • SELECT

To record from a source connected to the LINE –1 IN or LINE –2 IN jacks, press INPUT SELECT to display "L1" or "L2" in the "CH" position.

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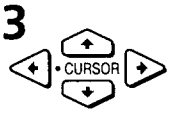
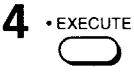
3 

Press CURSOR ➡ to confirm the setting.

The cursor appears at the beginning of the line. To enter another setting, move the cursor to the next line and repeat step 2.

4 

Press EXECUTE.

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Press POWER to turn off the VCR.

The TIMER indicator on the VCR lights up and the VCR stands by for recording.

When using a cable box, leave it on.

Daily/weekly recording

In step 2 above, press CURSOR ⬇ to select the recording pattern. Each time you press CURSOR ⬇, the indication changes as shown below. Press CURSOR ⬆ to change the indication in reverse order.

the current date → SUN-SAT → MON-SAT → MON-FRI → EVERY SAT ..... → EVERY MON → EVERY SUN → 1 month later → (cycles backward) → the current date

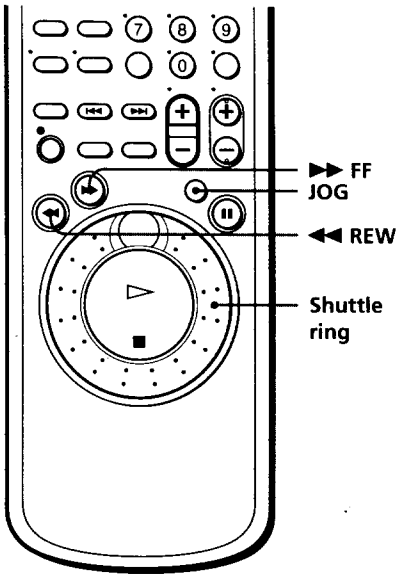
Tips

- To set the channel, you can also use the CH +/– or number buttons.
- To set the tape speed, you can also use TAPE SPEED.
- When you are recording a program in the SP mode and the remaining tape becomes shorter than the recording time, the tape speed is automatically changed to the EP mode. Note that some noises will appear on the picture when the tape speed is changed. If you want to keep the tape speed, set AUTO TAPE SPEED to OFF in the ADVANCED OPTIONS menu (page 72).
- To lock the VCR after setting the timer, see page 60.

Note

- If you are using cable box control, you cannot select "L1" or "L2."

Playing/searching at various speeds



Using the remote commander

Playback options	Operation
Fast-forward/rewind	During stop, press ▶▶FF or ◀◀ REW.
View the picture during fast-forward or rewind	During fast-forward, hold ▶▶ FF down. During rewind, hold ◀◀ REW down.
Rewind and start play	During stop, hold ◀◀ REW on the VCR, and press ▷ PLAY on the VCR.

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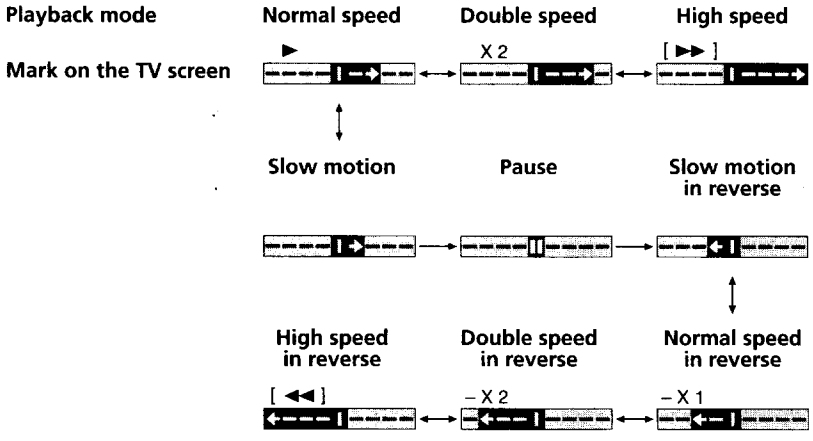
Using the Shuttle ring

With the Shuttle ring, you can operate a variety of playback options. There are two ways for using the Shuttle ring, normal mode and jog mode .

To use the Shuttle ring in normal mode

During playback or pause, turn the Shuttle ring clockwise or counterclockwise. Each change in the Shuttle ring position changes the playback mode, and the corresponding mark appears on the TV screen for a few seconds in the following way if the on-screen display function is on:



To use the Shuttle ring in jog mode

Use this mode for frame-by-frame playback.

Press JOG to enter the jog mode. The JOG button lights up. If you change to the jog mode during any playback mode, the playback pauses so you can see a still picture. Each change in the Shuttle ring position shifts the picture one frame. To shift frames in reverse, turn the Shuttle ring counterclockwise. The frame shift speed depends on the speed you turn the Shuttle ring.
To resume normal playback, press JOG again. The JOG indicator goes off.

To resume normal playback

Press ▷ PLAY.

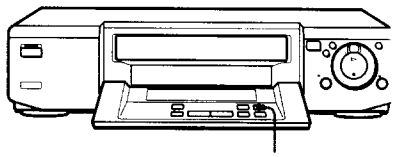
Tip

- Adjust the picture using the TRACKING +/– buttons if:
  - Streaks appear while playing in slow motion.
  - Bands appear at the top or bottom while pausing.
  - The picture shakes while pausing.

Notes

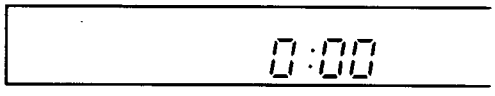
- The sound is muted during these operations.
- Tapes recorded in the LP mode on other VCRs can be played back on this VCR but the picture quality cannot be guaranteed.
- If the playback mode mark doesn't appear on the TV screen, press DISPLAY.
- The picture may have snow:
  - when playing at high speed in reverse
  - when playing in reverse slow motion
  - when playing in reverse.
- The playback mode mark may shake while playing or searching at various speeds.

Recording TV programs using the quick timer



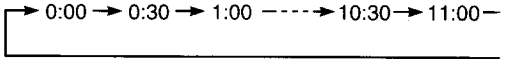
After starting recording in the normal way, you can have the VCR stop recording automatically after a specified duration.

1 While recording, press QUICK TIMER once.



2 Press QUICK TIMER repeatedly to set the duration.

Each press advances the time in increments of 30 minutes.



The duration decreases minute by minute to 0:00, then the VCR stops recording and turns off automatically.

To extend the duration

Press QUICK TIMER repeatedly to set to the new duration.

To stop while recording

Press ■ STOP.

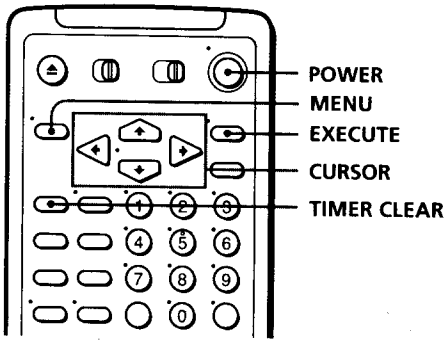
Using the quick timer during stop mode

1 Press QUICK TIMER.

2 Press CH +/– or INPUT SELECT to select the channel you want to record.

3 Press QUICK TIMER repeatedly to set the recording duration. The recording starts.

Checking/ changing/ cancelling timer settings



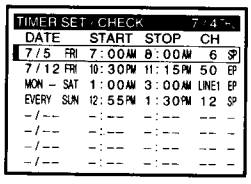
Before you start...

- Turn on your TV and set it to the video channel.

1 Press POWER to turn on the VCR.

2 Press MENU and select TIMER SET/CHECK:

- If you want to change a setting, go on to the next step.
- If you do not need to change the settings, press EXECUTE, then turn off the VCR to return to recording standby.


TIMER SET / CHECK
DATE START STOP CH
7/5 FRI 7:00AM 8:00AM 6 SP
7/12 FRI 10:30PM 11:15PM 50 EP
MON – SAT 1:00AM 3:00AM LINE1 EP
EVERY SUN 12:55PM 1:30PM 12 SP

3 Press CURSOR ↓/↑ to select the setting you want to change:

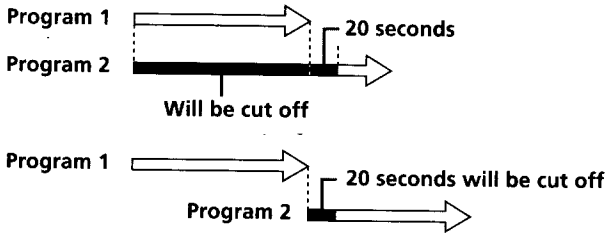
- To change the setting, press CURSOR ←/→ to highlight the item you want to change, and press CURSOR ↓/↑ to reset it. Then, press CURSOR → repeatedly until the cursor appears at the beginning of the line.
- To cancel the setting, press TIMER CLEAR.

4 Press EXECUTE.

If any timer settings remain, turn off the VCR to return to recording standby.

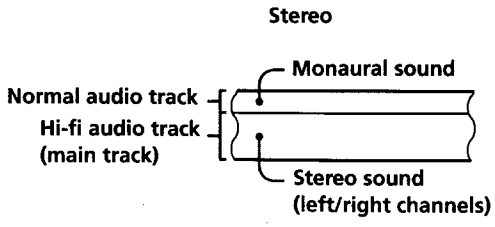
When the timer settings overlap

The program that starts first has priority and the second program starts recording only after the first program has finished. If the programs start at the same time, the program listed first in the menu has priority.



How sound is recorded on a video tape

The VCR records sound onto two separate tracks. Hi-fi audio is recorded onto the main track along with the picture. Monaural sound is recorded onto the normal audio track along the edge of the tape.



Notes

- To play a tape in stereo, you must use the A/V connections.
- When you play a tape recorded in monaural, the sound is heard in monaural regardless of the AUDIO MONITOR setting.
- If the AUDIO MONITOR button does not function, check that AUDIO MIX in the ADVANCED OPTIONS menu is set to OFF.

Recording stereo and bilingual programs

Recording stereo programs

This VCR automatically receives and records stereo programs. When a stereo program is received, the STEREO indicator lights up. If there is noise in the stereo program, set AUTO STEREO in the ADVANCED OPTIONS menu to OFF. The sound will be recorded in monaural (on both hi-fi and normal audio tracks) but with less noise. For details, see page 72.

Recording bilingual programs

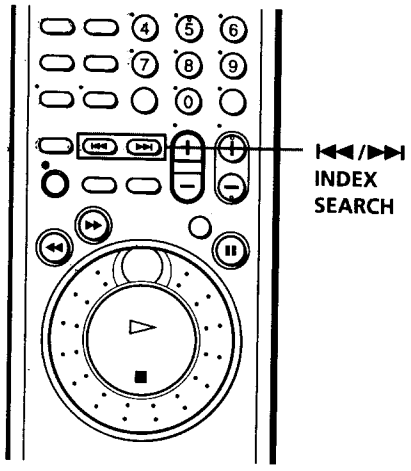
Normally, this VCR records only the main sound. When a SAP (Second Audio Program) is received, the SAP indicator lights up. To record only SAP sound, set TUNER AUDIO in the ADVANCED OPTIONS menu to SAP. For details, see page 72.

Selecting the sound during playback

Press AUDIO MONITOR to select the sound you want.

To listen to	On-screen display	Display window
Stereo/main (left and right channels)	STEREO	STEREO
Left channel only	LEFT CH	STEREO
Right channel only	RIGHT CH	STEREO
Monaural	No indicator	No indicator

Searching using the index function



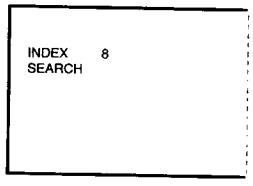
The VCR marks the tape with an index signal at the point where each recording begins. Use these signals as references to find a specific recording. The VCR can search up to 99 index signals ahead of or behind the current position.

1 Insert an indexed tape into the VCR.

2 Press I◀◀ / ▶▶I INDEX SEARCH repeatedly to specify how many index signals ahead or behind you want to search:

- To search ahead, press ▶▶I INDEX SEARCH.
- To search backwards, press I◀◀ INDEX SEARCH.

The VCR starts searching and the index number on the TV screen counts down to zero. Playback starts automatically from that point.



To stop searching

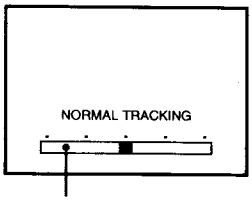
Press ■ STOP.

Adjusting the picture

Adjusting the tracking

Although the VCR automatically adjusts the tracking when playing a tape (the tracking indicator ▨ flashes in the display window, then goes off), distortion may occur if the tape was recorded in poor condition. In this case, manually adjust the tracking.

Press the TRACKING +/– buttons to display the tracking meter. The distortion should disappear as you press one of the two buttons (the ▨ indicator lights up). To resume automatic tracking adjustment, eject the tape and reinsert it.



Tracking meter

About Adaptive Picture Control (APC)

Adaptive Picture Control (APC) automatically improves recording and playback quality by adjusting the VCR to the condition of the video heads and tape. To maintain better picture quality, we recommend that you set APC to ON in the ADVANCED OPTIONS menu (with the APC indicator in the display window lit). For details, see page 72.

APC playback

The APC function automatically works on all types of tapes, including rental tapes and tapes that were not recorded with APC.

APC recording

Whenever you insert a tape and first start recording, the VCR adjusts to the tape using the APC function (the APC indicator flashes rapidly). This adjustment is retained until the tape is ejected.

Notes

- Auto tracking adjustment cannot be guaranteed on tapes recorded in the LP mode on other VCRs.
- The APC function does not work if the tape speed is automatically changed from the SP to EP mode during a timer recording, unless the tape has been recorded in the EP mode with the APC function.
- There is a delay of a few seconds before the VCR actually starts recording while the VCR analyzes the tape. To avoid the delay, first set the VCR to recording pause (the APC indicator flashes slowly) and press ● REC to have the VCR analyze the tape (the APC indicator flashes rapidly). After the APC indicator stops flashing, press ❚❚ PAUSE to start recording immediately.

  If you want to start recording quickly without using the APC function, first set the VCR to recording pause (the APC indicator flashes slowly) and press ❚❚ PAUSE to start recording.

Changing menu options

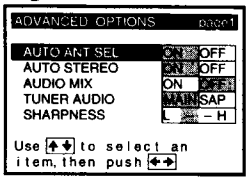
1 Press MENU and select ADVANCED OPTIONS.

2 Press CURSOR ↑/↓ to select the option to change, then press CURSOR ←/→ to change the setting.

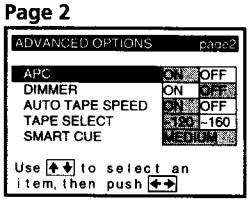
The ADVANCED OPTION menu has 2 pages. To select page 2, press CURSOR ↓ repeatedly until page 2 appears. To select page 1, press CURSOR ↑ repeatedly until page 1 appears.

3 Press EXECUTE to return to the original screen.

Page 1


ADVANCED OPTIONS page1
AUTO ANT SEL ON OFF
AUTO STEREO ON OFF
AUDIO MIX ON OFF
TUNER AUDIO MAIN SAP
SHARPNESS L – H
Use ↑↓ to select an item, then push ←→

Page 2


ADVANCED OPTIONS page2
APC ON OFF
DIMMER ON OFF
AUTO TAPE SPEED ON OFF
TAPE SELECT ~120 ~160
SMART CUE MEDIUM
Use ↑↓ to select an item, then push ←→

Menu choices

Initial settings are indicated in bold print.

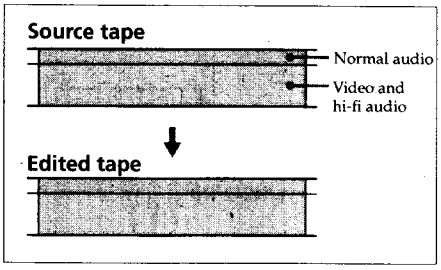
Menu option	Set this option to
AUTO ANT SEL	**ON** if your TV is connected only to VHF/UHF OUT on the VCR. To play a tape , set the TV to the VCR channel (channel 3 or 4). OFF if your TV is connected to both VHF/UHF OUT and LINE OUT on the VCR. To play a tape, set the TV to the VCR input.
AUTO STEREO	**ON** to receive stereo programs, OFF to reduce noise. The sound changes to monaural.
AUDIO MIX	ON to listen to the sound recorded on hi-fi and normal audio tracks at the same time. The AUDIO MONITOR button will not function. **OFF** to listen to hi-fi and normal audio tracks separately. Select the sound using the AUDIO MONITOR button.
TUNER AUDIO	**MAIN** to record the main sound on both hi-fi and normal audio tracks. SAP to record the SAP (Second Audio Program) sound on both hi-fi and normal audio tracks.
SHARPNESS	L (Low) through H (High) to adjust the sharpness of the picture. L to turn off the sharpness control.
APC	**ON** to switch on the APC (Adaptive Picture Control) function and improve picture quality, OFF to switch off APC.
DIMMER	ON to make the display window dim, **OFF** to make it brighter.
AUTO TAPE SPEED	**ON** to change the timer recording tape speed automatically to the EP mode when the remaining tape becomes shorter than the recording time, OFF to keep the tape speed.
TAPE SELECT	"**~120**" or "~160" to select the tape length and display the remaining time correctly.
SMART CUE	**MEDIUM** to set the automatic rewinding time on skip playback to a medium length, SHORT to set to short, LONG to set to long.

Editing methods

This section introduces you to various ways to edit tape recordings.

Basic editing

You can make a copy of a tape.



Insert editing

You can replace an existing scene with material from another recording. There are three kinds of insert editing.

Video insert

Replaces the original video and hi-fi audio. The monaural sound on the normal audio track is retained.

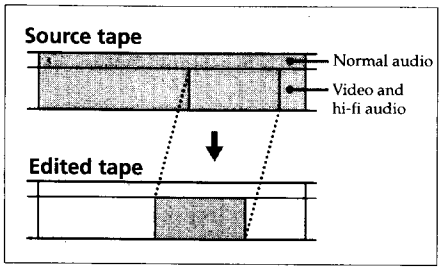
Audio insert

Replaces the original monaural sound on the normal audio track. The video and hi-fi sound are left intact. For example, you can use this feature to add commentary to a tape recorded on a camcorder.

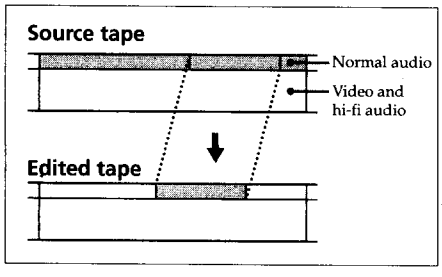
A/V insert

Replaces the original video and both hi-fi and monaural sound.

Video insert

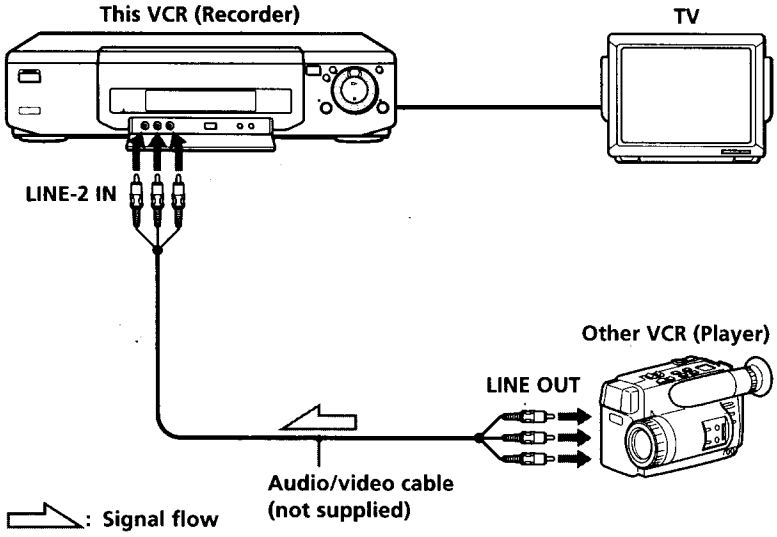


Audio insert



Hooking up to a VCR or stereo system

How to hook up to record on this VCR



How to hook up to a stereo system

Connect LINE-2 IN AUDIO on this VCR to the audio output jacks on the stereo system, using the RK-C510KS audio cable (not supplied).

If the other VCR has a CONTROL S OUT jack for synchronized editing

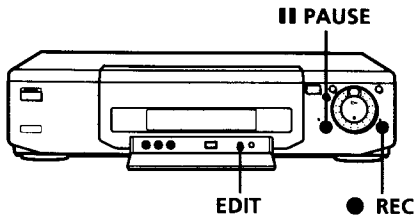
Hook up to record on the other VCR, then connect the VCRs via the CONTROL S jacks. The CONTROL S connection lets you control (pause and release pause) both VCRs from the recording VCR.

Notes

- Make sure you connect the plugs to jacks of the same color.
- If the other VCR is a monaural type, leave the red plugs unconnected.
- If you connected this VCR to both the LINE IN and LINE OUT jacks of the other VCR, select the input correctly to prevent a humming noise.
- If the CONTROL S IN jack is used for S-Link™ (A/V bus control) with a TV, the CONTROL S connection cannot be used for editing.
- You can also use the LINE -1 IN jacks instead.

Basic editing

(when recording on this VCR)



Before you start editing

- Turn on your TV and set it to the video channel.
- Press INPUT SELECT to display "L2" in the display window.
- Press TAPE SPEED on the remote commander to select the tape speed, SP or EP.
- On this VCR, press EDIT to display "EDIT" in the display window. If the other VCR has a similar button, press it to activate edit function.

1 Insert a source tape with its safety tab removed into the other (playback) VCR. Search for the point to start playback and set it to playback pause.

2 Insert a tape into this (recording) VCR. Search for the point to start recording and press II PAUSE.

3 Press ● REC on this VCR and set it to recording pause.

4 To start editing, press the II PAUSE buttons on both VCRs at the same time.

To stop editing

Press the ■ STOP buttons on both VCRs.

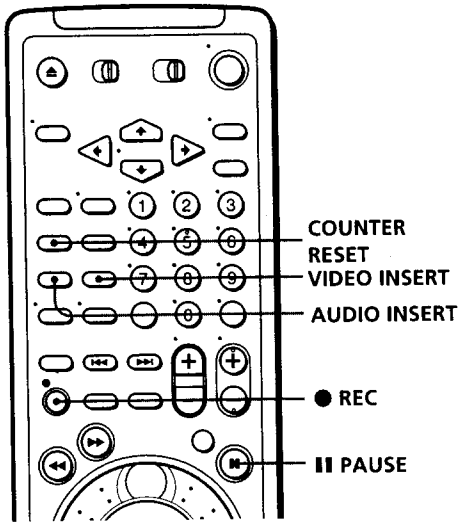
Tips

- To edit more precisely, press the II PAUSE buttons on the VCRs to release pause.
- To cut out unwanted scenes while editing, press II PAUSE on this VCR when an unwanted scene begins. When it ends, press II PAUSE again to resume recording (Assemble Editing).

Note

- If you start recording following the procedure above, the VCR won't start recording with the APC function. To record a tape with the APC function, press ● REC again during recording pause in step 3 so that the VCR analyzes the tape. Then when you start recording in step 4, press II PAUSE immediately after the APC indicator stops flashing. If you press II PAUSE before the APC indicator stops flashing, the APC function is canceled.

Insert editing



Before you start editing

- Turn on your TV and set it to the video channel.
- Press INPUT SELECT to display "L2" in the display window.
- Press TAPE SPEED on the remote commander to select the tape speed, SP or EP.
- On this VCR, press EDIT to display "EDIT" in the display window. If the other VCR has a similar switch, set it to ON as well.

1 Insert a source tape into the playback VCR or the stereo system. Search for the point to start playback and set it to playback pause.

2 Insert a prerecorded tape into this (recording) VCR. Search for the end of the scene to be replaced and press II PAUSE.

3 Press COUNTER RESET on this VCR to reset the counter to "0H00M00S."

4 Rewind the prerecorded tape to the beginning of the scene to be replaced.

The VCR pauses.

5 Press the INSERT buttons:

To replace	Press
Picture and hi-fi sound	VIDEO INSERT "VID INS II" appears on the TV screen and "V INSERT" appears in the display window.
Monaural sound only	AUDIO INSERT "AUD INS II" appears on the TV screen and "A INSERT" appears in the display window.
Picture, hi-fi and monaural sound	AUDIO INSERT, then VIDEO INSERT "A/V INS II" appears on the TV screen and "AV INSERT " appears in the display window.

6 To start editing, press the II PAUSE buttons on this VCR and the other VCR (or stereo system) at the same time.

To stop editing

Press the ■ STOP buttons on this VCR and the other VCR (or stereo system).

To listen to both the hi-fi and normal audio

Set AUDIO MIX to ON in the ADVANCED OPTIONS menu (page 72). Use this feature to listen to inserted audio together with the original hi-fi audio. When AUDIO MIX is set to ON, the AUDIO MONITOR button does not function. Remember to reset AUDIO MIX to OFF after playing the tape.

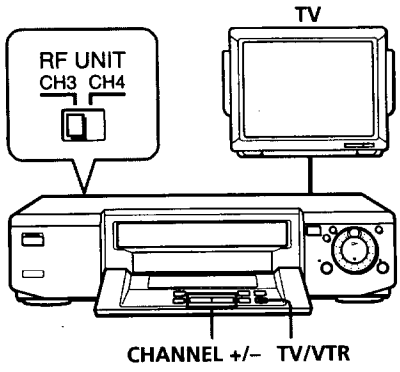
Notes

- To use the INSERT function, this VCR must be set to playback pause, not recording pause.
- To cancel the video or audio insert function, press VIDEO INSERT or AUDIO INSERT again.

General setup information

Setting the RF unit

When connecting the VCR to the TV using only the antenna cable, you must set the RF UNIT switch on the rear of the VCR so that the TV can receive the correct signal from the VCR.



1 Set the RF UNIT switch on the rear of the VCR to CH3 or CH4, whichever channel is not used in your area. If both are used, set the switch to either channel.

2 Press POWER to turn on the VCR.

3 Press TV/VTR to turn on the VTR indicator in the VCR's display window.

4 Press CHANNEL +/– to display a channel number in the display window. Select an active channel number in your area.

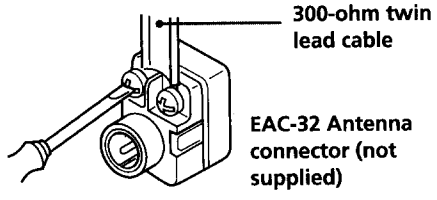
5 Turn on your TV and set it to the channel you selected in step 1 (channel 3 or 4).

The selected TV channel broadcast appears on the TV screen. If the channels change when you press CHANNEL +/– on the VCR, you have made the correct setting.

Whenever you use the VCR, set the TV to the channel selected in step 1.

Attaching the external antenna connector

When using a 300-ohm twin lead cable for VHF/UHF antenna, use the EAC-32 antenna connector (not supplied) to connect the antenna to the VCR.



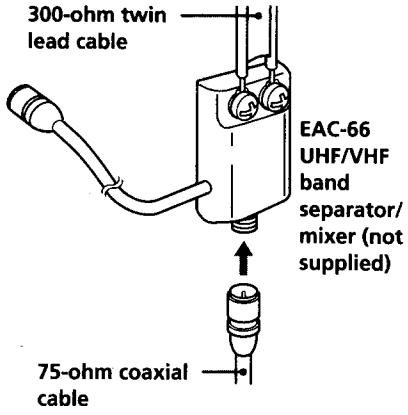
1 Loosen the screws on the antenna connector.

2 Wind the twin leads around the screws on the antenna connector.

3 Retighten the screws.

Attaching a UHF/VHF band mixer

When using both 75-ohm coaxial cable and 300-ohm twin lead cable for VHF/UHF antenna, use the EAC-66 UHF/VHF band separator/mixer (not supplied) to connect the antenna to the VCR.



1. Loosen the screws on the mixer.
2. Wind the twin leads around the screws on the mixer.
3. Retighten the screws.
4. Connect the 75-ohm coaxial cable to the mixer.

Troubleshooting

If you have any questions or problems not covered below, please consult your nearest Sony dealer.

	Symptom	Remedy
Power	The POWER switch does not function.	• Connect the AC power cord securely. • Make sure the VCR is not locked. To unlock, hold POWER down until the VCR beeps.
	The power is turned on but the VCR does not operate.	• Moisture condensation occurs. Turn the power off, unplug the AC power cord and leave the VCR to dry for over an hour.
Clock	The clock has stopped and "–:– –" lights in the display window.	• The clock stops if the VCR is disconnected from the wall outlet for more than one hour. Reset the clock (and timer).
Playback	The playback picture does not appear on the TV screen.	• Make sure the TV is set to the channel for the VCR. If you are using a monitor, set it to video input.
	The picture is not clear.	• Adjust the tracking with the TRACKING +/– buttons. • The video heads are dirty (see below). Clean the video heads using the Sony T-25CL video head cleaning cassette. If this cleaning cassette is not available in your area, have the heads cleaned at your nearest Sony service facility (a standard service charge will be required.) Do not use a commercially available wet-type cleaning cassette, as it may damage the video heads. • The video heads may have to be replaced. Consult your local Sony dealer for more information.
	The picture rolls vertically during picture search.	• Adjust the vertical hold control on the TV or monitor.
	The picture has no sound.	• The tape is defective. Use a new tape.

Symptoms caused by contaminated video heads

• Normal picture **• Rough picture** **• Unclear picture** **• No picture (or black & white screen appears)**

initial → **terminal**

	Symptom	Remedy
Recording	A TV program does not appear on the TV screen.	• Make sure the TV is set to the channel for the VCR. If you are using a monitor, set it to video input.
	TV reception is poor.	• Adjust the TV antenna.
	The tape starts playing as soon as it is inserted.	• The safety tab has been removed. To record on this tape, cover the tab hole.
	The tape ejects when you press ● REC.	• Check that the safety tab has not been removed.
	Nothing happens when you press ● REC.	• Make sure the tape is not at its end. • Select the correct source with the INPUT SELECT button. Select a channel number when recording TV programs; select "L1" or "L2" when recording from other equipment.
Timer recording	The timer does not operate.	• Check that the clock is set. • Make sure a tape has been inserted. • Check that the safety tab has not been removed. • Make sure the tape is not at its end. • Make sure a program has been set for timer recording. • Make sure your timer settings have not already passed the current time. • Check that the cable box is turned on. • The clock stops if the VCR is disconnected from the wall outlet for more than one hour. Reset the clock and timer. • When you use cable box control, make sure the CABLE BOX CONTROL option is set to ON.

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Others

Symptom	Remedy
A tape cannot be inserted.	• Check that a tape isn't already in the tape compartment.
The remote commander does not function.	• Make sure you are pointing the remote commander at the remote sensor on the VCR. • Replace all the batteries in the remote commander with new ones if they are weak. • If you are not using S-Link™, make sure that both miniplugs are unconnected.
The channels on the VCR cannot be changed.	• Make sure the CABLE BOX CONTROL option is set to OFF.
The tracking indicator does not appear on the screen.	• The recording condition of the tape is very poor and tracking cannot be adjusted.
You cannot control other TVs.	• Set your TV's code number. The code number resets to 1 when you replace the batteries of the remote commander.
The VCR needs to be cleaned.	• Clean the cabinet, panel and controls with a dry, soft cloth, or a soft cloth slightly moistened with a mild detergent solution. Do not use any type of solvent, such as alcohol or benzine.

Specifications

System

Format
VHS NTSC standard
Video recording system
Rotary head helical scanning FM system
Video heads
Double azimuth four heads
Video signal
NTSC color, EIA standards
Tape speed
SP: 33.35 mm/s (1 3/8 inches/s)
EP: 11.11 mm/s (7/16 inches/s)
LP: 16.67 mm/s (11/16 inches/s), playback only
Maximum recording/playback time
8 hrs. in EP mode (with T-160 tape)
Fast-forward and rewind time
Approx. 3 min. (with T-120 tape)

Tuner section

Channel coverage
VHF 2 to 13
UHF 14 to 69
CATV A-8 to A-1, A to W, W+1 to W+84
Antenna
75-ohm antenna terminal for VHF/UHF

Inputs and outputs

LINE-1 IN and -2 IN
VIDEO IN, phono jack (1 each)
Input signal: 1 Vp-p, 75 ohms, unbalanced, sync negative
AUDIO IN, phono jack (2 each)
Input level: 327 mVrms
Input impedance: more than 47 kilohms
LINE OUT
VIDEO OUT, phono jack (1)
Output signal: 1 Vp-p, 75 ohms, unbalanced, sync negative
AUDIO OUT, phono jack (2)
Standard output: 327 mVrms
Load impedance: 47 kilohms
Output impedance: less than 10 kilohms
S-LINK (CONTROL S IN)
Mini jack (1)
CABLE BOX CONTROL (CONTROL S OUT)
Stereo mini jack (plug in power) (1)

Timer section

Clock
Quartz locked
Timer indication
12-hour cycle
Timer setting
8 programs per month (max.)
Power back-up
Built-in self-charging capacitor
Back-up duration: up to 1 hour at a time

General

Power requirements
120 V AC, 60 Hz *(SLV-975HF/975HF MX)*
110 V AC to 240 V AC, 50/60 Hz *(SLV-975HF PX/975HF CS)*
Power consumption
24 W (*SLV-975HF*)
20 W (*SLV-975HF CS/975HF MX/975HF PX*)
Operating temperature
5 °C to 40 °C (41 °F to 104 °F)
Storage temperature
– 20 °C to 60 °C (– 4 °F to 140 °F)
Dimensions
Approx. 430 × 109 × 321 mm (w/h/d)
Approx. (17 × 4 3/8 × 12 3/4 inches) including projecting parts and controls
Mass
Approx. 4.7 kg (10 lb 6 oz)

Supplied accessories

Remote commander (1)
Size AA (R6) batteries (2)
75-ohm coaxial cable with F-type connectors (1)
Audio/video cable (3 phono, 1 mini to 3 phono, 1 mini) (1)
Cable Mouse (cable box controller) (1)
Plug adaptor (1) *(SLV-975HF PX/975HF CS)*

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Index to parts and controls

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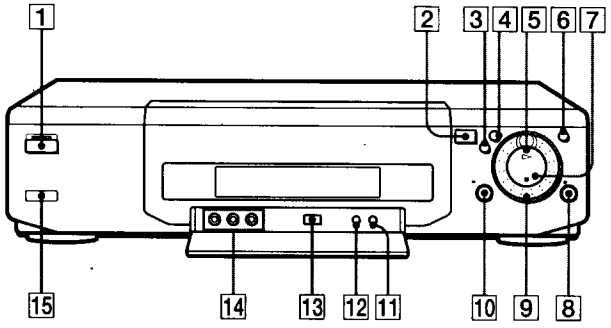
Front panel



1 POWER switch/indicator

2 ⏏ EJECT button (53)

3 ◀◀ REW button (53)

4 ▶▶ FF button (53)

5 ▷ PLAY button (52)

6 JOG button/indicator (64)

7 ■ STOP button (53)

8 ● REC button (55)

9 Shuttle ring (63)

10 ❚❚ PAUSE button (53)

11 EASY SET UP button (11, 14, 17, 20, 24, 27)

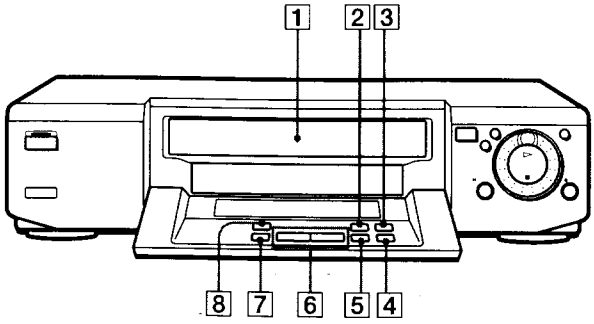
12 EDIT button (75)

13 COMMAND MODE switch (5)

14 LINE-2 IN VIDEO/AUDIO L/R jacks (74)

15 Remote sensor (5)

Front panel, with cover opened



1 Tape compartment

2 AUDIO MONITOR button (68)

3 QUICK TIMER button (66)

4 TV/VTR button (55)

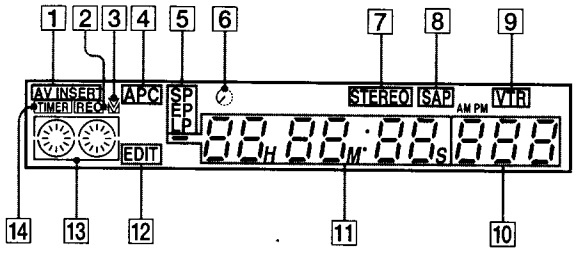
5 TAPE SPEED button (55)

6 CHANNEL/TRACKING +/– buttons (54, 71)

7 COUNTER RESET button (53, 76)

8 INPUT SELECT button (54, 75)

Display window



1 AV INSERT indicator (76)

2 REC indicator

3 ⊠ (tracking) indicator (71)

4 APC indicator (71)

5 TAPE SPEED indicator (55)

6 Remaining time indicator (55)

7 STEREO indicator (68)

8 SAP indicator (68)

9 VTR indicator (55)

10 Line/channel indicator (54, 75)

11 Time counter/clock indicator (53, 55)

12 EDIT indicator (75)

13 Tape indicator

14 TIMER indicator (59)

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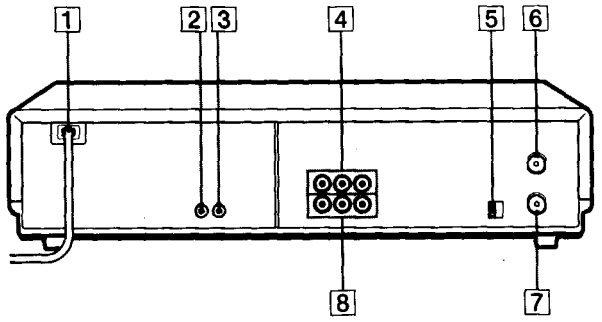
Rear panel



1 AC Power cord

2 S-LINK (CONTROL S IN) jack (9, 74)

3 CABLE BOX CONTROL (CONTROL S OUT) jack (10, 23)

4 LINE-1 IN AUDIO L/R/VIDEO jacks (23, 74)

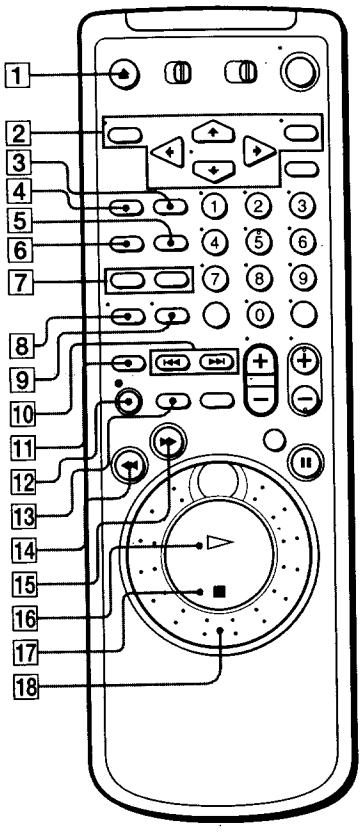
5 RF UNIT switch (78)

6 VHF/UHF IN connector (10, 13, 16, 19, 23, 26)

7 VHF/UHF OUT connector (10, 13, 16, 19, 23, 26)

8 LINE OUT AUDIO L/R/VIDEO jacks (8)

Remote commander



1 ⏏ EJECT button (53)

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EXECUTE button

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6 COUNTER RESET button (53, 76)

7 AUDIO/VIDEO INSERT buttons (76)

8 TV/VTR button (55)

9 DISPLAY button (55)

10 ⏮ / ⏭ INDEX SEARCH buttons (70)

11 INPUT SELECT button (54, 75)

12 ● REC button (55)

13 TAPE SPEED button (55)

14 ◀◀ REW button (53)

15 ▶▶ FF button (53)

16 ▷ PLAY button (52)

17 ■ STOP button (53)

18 Shuttle ring (63)

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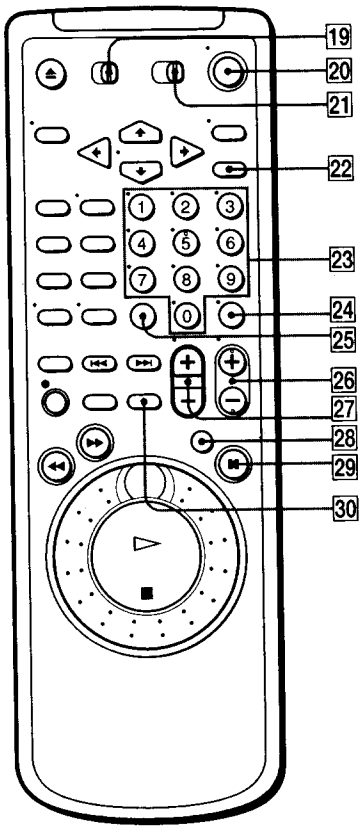

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21 COMMAND MODE switch (5)
22 VCR Plus+ button (58)
23 Number buttons (45, 50)
24 ENTER button (45, 50)
25 SET button (59)
26 CH +/– buttons (54)
27 VOL +/– buttons (6)
28 JOG button/indicator (64)
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Quick reference to using the VCR

Hookup 1

To play a tape

1 Set the TV to channel 3 or 4 (or to video input, if you made A/V connections.)
2 Insert a tape and press PLAY.

To record a program

1 Turn on the cable box.
2 Press VCR Plus+ on the remote commander.
3 Enter the program's PlusCode number.
4 Select ONCE, DAILY, or WEEKLY, then press SET.
5 Insert a tape.
6 Press POWER to turn off the VCR.
7 Leave the cable box on.

To watch TV

1 Turn off your VCR, or press the VCR's TV/VTR button until the VTR indicator in the display window goes off.
2 Turn on your cable box.
3 Set the TV to the cable box output channel (usually 2, 3, or 4).
4 Set the cable box to the channel you want to watch.

Hookup 2

To play a tape

1 If you made A/V connections, set the TV to video input.
If you didn't use A/V hookup:
- Turn on the cable box.
- Set the cable box to channel 3 or 4.
- Set the TV to the output channel of the cable box (usually 2, 3, or 4).

2 Insert a tape and press PLAY.

To record a program

1 Press VCR Plus+ on the remote commander.
2 Enter the program's PlusCode number.
3 Select ONCE, DAILY, or WEEKLY, then press SET.
4 Insert a tape.
5 Press POWER to turn off the VCR.

To watch TV

1 Turn off your VCR, or press the VCR's TV/VTR button until the VTR indicator in the display window goes off.
2 Select the channel with your cable box (if you have one) or with your TV.

Hookup 3

To play a tape

1 Set the TV to channel 3 or 4 (or to video input, if you made A/V connections.)
2 Insert a tape and press PLAY. If there's no picture on your TV, press the VCR's TV/VTR button until the VTR indicator comes on in the display window.

To record a program

1 Press VCR Plus+ on the remote commander.
2 Enter the program's PlusCode number.
3 Select ONCE, DAILY, or WEEKLY, then press SET.
4 Insert a tape.
5 Press POWER to turn off the VCR.

To watch TV

1 Turn off the VCR, or press the VCR's TV/VTR button until the VTR indicator in the display window goes off.
2 Set the TV to the channel you want to watch.

Hookup 4

To play a tape

1 Set the TV to channel 3 or 4 (or to video input, if you made A/V connections.)
2 Insert a tape and press PLAY.

To record a program

1 Turn on the cable box.
2 Set the cable box to the channel you want to record.
3 Press VCR Plus+ on the remote commander.
4 Enter the program's PlusCode number.
5 Select ONCE, DAILY, or WEEKLY, then press SET.
6 Insert a tape.
7 Press POWER to turn off the VCR.
8 Leave the cable box on.

To watch TV

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